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## PREFACE

THE LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY has already printed two volumes of *Lincoln Wills registered in the District Probate Registry at Lincoln* (volumes 5 and 10 of the SOCIETY'S publications). The present work continues the series of wills from June 1530 down to June 1532, when the second Book of Wills in the Lincoln Consistory Court ends. Now, therefore, abstracts of all the wills in this Book and in the first Book, labelled respectively "1506 &c.," and "1520-31," have been printed, together with the wills, belonging to the same period, which have been collected from the other courts in the District Registry. A few earlier wills which escaped notice when volume II was printed have been included in the present work. In making the abstracts, the principles laid down in the two previous volumes have been followed.

The thanks of the SOCIETY are once more due to the successive Registrars of the Lincoln District Probate Registry for access to the documents under their charge ; and to the clerks of the Registry for their courtesy.

The Index of Persons and Places has been prepared by Miss F. E. Thurlby under the Editor's direction.

C. W. FOSTER.

Timberland,  
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L.C.C.	.	.	Lincoln Consistory Court
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Pope	.	.	POPE, John, official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln (page 85).
P.	.	.	PRYN, John, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln ( <i>passim</i> )
Stow	.	.	Court of the Archdeaconry of Stow





# LINCOLN WILLS

## VOLUME III

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THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS SYGRAVE OF STOWE GRENE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 32d.]

4 February, 1525-6. I Thomas Sygrave of Stawgrene next Threkingham makes my testament and last wyll. My body to be buryde in the church yerde of Threkingham. To the vycar of Stowe my best beste in the name of my mortuary. To the hye alter of sanct Etheldrede of Stowe for tythes forgotten *xxd.* To owr Lady warkes of the cathedrall church of Lyncoln' *xxd.* To my sone Wylliam Sygrave prest and m<sup>r</sup> of arte *xxs.* To my doughter the wyffe of Thomas Grene of Scredyngton *xls.* To m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempryngham, whome I orden and make supervisor of my testament and last will *vjs. viijd.* To the subprior of the same housse *xxd.* To euery chanon ther beyng a preste *xijd.* To the nunnys of Sempryngham *ijs. iiijd.* To Robert Symmys my seruauent a cowe now in the custodye of John Bell. To euery on of my seruantes dwellyng w<sup>t</sup> me att tyme of my dethe a schepe. I will th<sup>t</sup> Alys my wyffe duryng hyr lyffe kepe a yerly obbyt for me in the church off Threkyngham, and I will th<sup>t</sup> the vicar of Threkyngham for the tyme beyng haue yerly att my sayd obbytt masse in offeryng pennys and *vjd.* for rehersyng my name in the bedrowll, and I will th<sup>t</sup> *ijs. iiijd.* be yerly distribute att my obbyt to the bell ryngers and to pore pepull in mette and drynke as costome is of the same parych, and I will th<sup>t</sup> my sayd wyffe haue yerly of my rente att Threkyngham to performe my sayd obbytt yerly as is a boffe rehersyd duryng hyr lyffe naturall *vjs. viijd.*, and after her deceسه I will ther schall be immediatly delyueryd by myne executors to the vicar and to the parichoners of Threkyngham *iij kye* and *xxs.* off mony wych mony I will schall by the counsell of the vicar and off the church wardons schall be kepte in saue custodie, and the sayd *iij kye* I will schalbe letten to farme to the best valor to mayntene the same stokke and encesse the same w<sup>t</sup> all as ofte as nede schall require; of the wych stokke I will that the sayd church wardyns by counsell of the vicar of the same towne for tyme beyng shall yerly kepe my sayd obytt after the deceسه of my wyffe in the same maner as I wylyd hyr to do duryng hyr lyffe on Sounday next after the Puryfacyon of our Lady w<sup>t</sup> Placebo and Dirige ouer nyght and masse of requiem on the morowe, [*folio* 33] prayng for the soull of me the sayd Thomas Sygrave and Alys my wyffe and the saulles of my father and mother. I will th<sup>t</sup> after my deceسه my hoolle movable goodes be devydyd in thre partes, of the wych I will th<sup>t</sup> my wyffe haue on parte and my chyldren an other parte, the thyrd parte I gyffe to m<sup>r</sup> William Sygrave, Rycherd Sygrave, and Adam Sygrave my sonnes,

whom I make myne executors to pay my dettes and lagaces and dispose for my soull helth after the best discrecyons, by the ouersyght of m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempryngham superviser. Thyes beyng wittnes, sir Thomas Lambart, vicar of Threkyngham; Thomas Gee of Byrthorp; Thomas Barne; Thomas Nix of Stowe; w<sup>t</sup> many other moy.

Proved before P., [*query* 7 February, 1525-6<sup>1</sup>]. Administration granted to m<sup>r</sup> William Sygrave, power being reserved to grant to Richard Sygrave and Adam Sygrave when they shall come.

TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI FOX DE BENNYNGTON [LONGA].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 152.]

10 April, 1530. Ego Willelmus Fox de Bennynghon, husbandman, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Patri omnipotenti beate Marie ac omnibus sanctis curie celestis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio sancti Swythuni de Bennynghon predicta. Item reparacionibus ecclesie de Lincoln'. Item summo altari de Bennynghon xij*d*. Item lego cawsy iiij*d*. Item lego Thome Atkynson vnam ouem ouiculam cum agno. Item Thome Pauson vnam ouem ouiculam cum agno. Item lego capelle de Stanton viij*d*. Item lego Alicie Fox pro mercede sua vnum vitulum. Item lego noue campane viij*d*. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Elizabethe vxori mee. Emote matri mee vnam vaccam. Et vt Elizabetha vxor mea disponat et ordinet pro salute anime mee sicut ei melius videbitur expedire. Datum apud Bynnyngton predictam die et anno supradictis. Hiis testibus domino Roberto Barnesley capellano Johanne Hunt et Roberto Pauson cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 8 May, 1530.

[THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BUSSHY OF SCOTHERN].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 231*d*.]

In Dei nomine in the yer of our Lorde God a m<sup>l</sup>ccccxxx the xv daie of Aprill. I John Busshy of Scothorn of hoole mynde and goode remembraunce makith my last will and testament in fourme folowyng. First I bequeth my saule, etc. I will that ther be doon a trentall of masses for my saule. Item I bequeth to the hye aulter of Scorthorn iiij*d*. Item to our Lady werk of Lincoln iiij*d*. Item to saint Hugh heed iiij*d*. Item to the graye and the freres at the Grise fette on stryke of barly. The residue of my goodes not bequeth I giff unto William Busshy to paye my dettes and to performe my will [etc.], whom I make myn executour. Thies beyng wittenesse Richard Pykryn and William Kyrk with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD POLLYS [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 204*d*.]

5 May, 1530. I Richerde Pollys of Kyrton in Holand makes my testament and last wyll. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of

<sup>1</sup> The date is omitted, but the date supplied is shown to be probable by the probate of the wills which precede and follow.

the appostellys Peter and Paule in Kyrton, w<sup>t</sup> my mortuary as the lawe shall require. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln' *iiijd.* To the orphanys in saynt Catheryns *iiijd.* To the reparacions of my parysh church in Kyrton *iij.* *iiijd.* To euery alter in the sayd church *iiijd.* To the Trinite alter in Kyrton church on vestment of xls. price. To Agnes my wyff vij mylke kye and vij calvys and ij amblyng merys w<sup>t</sup> ther folys, xx<sup>ty</sup> yowys, and xx<sup>ty</sup> lammys. To Phylip Lyster ij yong kye. To Nicholes Lyster ij yong kye, and to Grace Lyster *iiij* yong kye and ij yowys w<sup>t</sup> ij lammys. To Richerd Clypson my god sun on ewe w<sup>t</sup> a lamme. To Richard Thomson my godsun on hogge w<sup>t</sup> a lamme. To Thomas Richerdson my seruaunt a gray meare, and [*folio 205*] on burling rede brandede. I will that John my sonne haue my furryd gowne, and Phylip Lyster my beste cote, and Robert my sonne my russtyt gowne. And yff so be th<sup>t</sup> my wyff be w<sup>t</sup> chylde yff it be a man chylde I will that it haue *iiij* kye ij marys and vj yowys, and yff it be a woman chylde I will that Robert and John my sonnys gyff to her at the day of her mariage xx<sup>ty</sup> nobylls. I will that my wyff haue halffe of my rye th<sup>t</sup> is on the grounde, and Robert and John my sonnys the other halffe. I wyll that my wyff haue on acre of whete, on acre of barley, and on acre of benys. I will that Robert my sonne haue *iiij* acres pastre namyd Mantylling, the wich was hys mother joynter. All the rest of my landes I will that they remayn to my wyff towarde the fyndyng off John my sonne at schole to suche tyme as he comme to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and then I will that all my landes excepte the *iiij* acres before namyd be equally deuydyd betwyxt Robert and John my sonnys and the chylde th<sup>t</sup> my wyff is w<sup>t</sup> yff it be a man chylde, and so to remayn to them in fe simple; and I will that my house in Wyllyngton w<sup>t</sup> my horse mylne at the diuision of the sayd landes be in Robertes parte; and yff any of them fortune to dye w<sup>t</sup> in the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres then I will th<sup>t</sup> hys parte th<sup>t</sup> is ded bothe landes and goodes remayn to them that survyvis, and so eche of them to be others heyres. To Robert my sonne on matters on pare of schetys w<sup>t</sup> all other thynges necessary to the sayd bed. To John my sonne on fetherbed w<sup>t</sup> all other thynges necessary to the sayd bed, and to ich off them on brasse potte, on brasse panne, and on chyste. To Robert my sonne my shodde carte, my plough, w<sup>t</sup> all the gerys that pertynyth to them. I will that the reste of my croppe on the grounde vnbequethyd be solde be the disrescion of my executor to pay my rentes and my dettes and yff the sayd croppe vnbequethyd will not pay all my rentes and my dettes then I will th<sup>t</sup> it be takyn of xiiij of my [*folio 205d.*] fatte neytt so miche as shall be nede to pay the resydewe of my dettes. I will that the resydewe of my catellys not wytt be equally deuydyd betwyxt Robert and John my sonnys, and I will that Thomas Poolys haue Robert my sonne in hys kepyng w<sup>t</sup> hys stoke, and the sayd Thomas to receyve the rente of the forsayd *iiij* acres yerly to the vse and profyt of Robert my sonne to suche tyme as he shall cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and then to delyuer to the sayd Robert hys stoke and hys goodes as it shalbe praysyd w<sup>t</sup> the forsayd lande and all the proffyttes therof renewyng. I will that Agnes my wyff haue in her kepyng John my sonne w<sup>t</sup> hys stok to suche tyme as the sayd John shall cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and then she to delyuer to the forsayd John hys stok as it shall be praysyd, and yff so be that Agnes my wyff do not kepe my



sonne John at scole then I will that Thomas Poolys take him to hys kepyng w<sup>t</sup> hys landes and goodes, and he to fynde hym at scole w<sup>t</sup> the proffyttes renuyng therof duryng the yeres before namyd, and then to delyuer to him hys stok as it is before playnly expressyd. The resydewe of my goodes not wytt I putte them in the disposicion of Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose them to the most pleasure of God, to pay my dettes, [etc.], and I make Thomas Poolys supervisor, and I gyff hym a red dowyd cowe w<sup>t</sup> a flekyd calffe. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Cheny prest; sir George Lincoln; sir Thomas Est; William Walker; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Freyston, 11 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

TESTAMENTUM THOME ANDRESON [DE CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 298d.]

In the name of God Amen. The fyrst day of June in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde God m<sup>l</sup> fyve hundred xxx<sup>ty</sup>. I Thomas Andreson of perfyrt remembrance makes my testament in thys maner fyrst I bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God to o<sup>r</sup> Lady s<sup>t</sup> Mary and to all the s<sup>tes</sup> in hevyn. My body to be buryed w<sup>t</sup> in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Michel tharkangell of Conesby. Also I gyff to the high alter of the church of Conesby pro decimis oblitis xij*d*. and to the bellys of the same xij*d*. Also I gyff to the warke of o<sup>r</sup> Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. Also to the church warke of Skevylby iiij*d*. And to the church warke of Canwyk xij*d*. Also I gyff to euery one of the gyldes at Conesby y<sup>t</sup> is to wyt of the Trinite, of Corpus Christi, of All Saintes, iiij*d*. Also I gyff to John Righton the best dooblet the best pare of hose y<sup>t</sup> he will chose of myn & a cappe. Also I gyff to William Snawden a dooblet a pare of hose next vnto the best & my syster hys wyff a seame of malte. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> Isabell Johanne Marcy & Catheryn my daughters shall haue evenly devydyd among them vjl. xiijs. iiij*d*. And yff it shall fortune the sayd Isabell or anny one of her sisters departe owt of thys worlde afore they shall cum to marriage then I will the sayd somme of vjl. xiijs. iiij*d*. be evenly devydyd among them wich doth lyff. Also I [*folio* 299] will y<sup>t</sup> Margaret my wyff shall haue the house wyth the appurtenaunces wich I dwell in duryng the termee of her lyff naturall and aftyr her decease it to remane to Isabell my daughter and to the heyres of her body and for defawt of such to remayn to Johanne my daughter and to the heyres of her body and for defawte of such the same house to remayn to Marcy my daughter and to the heyres of her body and for defawt of such heyres to remayn to Catheryne my daughter and to the heyres of her body. Moreouer yff it shall fortune the sayd Isabell Johanne Marcy and Catheryn to dye afore they shall cum to mariage than I will the forsayd somme of vjl. xiijs. iiij*d*. be disposyd for the helth of my soule at the discescion of Margaret my wyff & of the church master of Conesby. I gyff to master Edward Dymok iijs. iiij*d*. to be good m<sup>r</sup> to my wyff & chyl dren. Also I will yff it shall fortune anny man to make title or clame to my sayd house in so mich that the sayd Margaret my wyff can not kepe it but to her gret hurte that the forsayd m<sup>r</sup> Edward Dymok shall haue it to hym and to hys heyres for euer gyffing to Margaret my wyff & to my



chyl dren at hys discrecion. The resydue of all my goodes not bequethyd (my dettes & funerall expenses payd) I bequeth to Margaret my wyff makyng her my sole executrix. I haue desyeryd to testify thys my testament, William Magson, parysh prest ; sir John Cooke ; & Thomas Waryn, parysh clerke.

Probatum fuit apud Horncastre coram magistro Johanne Pryn, etc., viij die mensis Maij anno domini predicto m<sup>o</sup> quingentesimo xxxj (executore iurato), etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HARWYK OF WELTON [LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 178.]

1 June, 1530. I William Harwyk of Welton next Lowthe makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of saynt Andrew of Welton. I witt to our Lady warke of our cathedrall church off Lincoln xij*d.*, and to the high alter of the same iiij*d.* I wyt to the church of saynt Andrew of Welton one acre barly. I wyt to Bartholomew Harwyk, my sone, xls. I wyt to Isabell Harwyk, my daughter, xls. I wyt to Helene, my daughter, xls. And yffon of them decease before they cum to lawfull age, [etc.]. I wyt to sir Thomas Beche, the parson, a wether lamme. I wyt to Nicholes Harwyk, my brother sonne, a qwee calffe. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff and wytt to Jenet Harwyk, my wyff, and John Byrnyt, whome I make my executors. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Beche, the parson ; John Harwyk ; John Benson ; John Lokwood ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 3 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF BERNARD ATKYNSON [OF HUMBERSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 219*d.*]

3 June, 1530. I Barnard Atkynson of Humberston, makyth my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Cle. To the high alter in my parysh church of Humberston viij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln and the high alter ther iijs. iiij*d.* To the gylde of the Trinite of Clee on quarter whette and on quarter barley. To Richerd Atkynson, my sone, on cople yong oxen my best gowne and my fustyan jaket. To John Clerke, my best jaket, [etc.] To John Jekyll vj schepe. To the house of Welhoo xs. ; they to syng on trentall of messys for my soule. Resydewe of goodes to Crystyan my wyff, whome I make my executrix of thys my last will she to dispose them as she thynkes best and for the well of my soule. Also I orden Mr Bryan Curtes to be supervisor herof. Thes recordes, sir Thomas Vnderhyll, vicar ; Edward Wylliamson ; John Clerke ; and other.

Proved before P., at Grymmesby, 11 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF HELENE DAUSE [OF FRIESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 207.]

4 June, 1530. I Helene Dause of the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys of Freston. My body to be buryed wythin the churche yerde of Freston. To the

high alter in Freston church*e* ij*d*. To our Lady of Grace ij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln my beste ring and iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes ij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Hugh j*d*. To John my sonne my hed mansion with the appurtenaunces, to hym and hys heyres of hys body. To Agnes Obson, my doughter, a cowe, a basyn, a lauer, a panne of iij gallons. To Helene Dause, my goddoughter, a fely fole of ij yeres olde. To Robert Dause, the sonne of John Dause, a cowe. To William Dause a yowe and a lamme. To Agnes Ben a yowe and a lamme. The resydewe of my goodes I will that they shall be at the disposicion of William Daus and William Obson, whome I orden my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Jamys Foster ; John Daus ; John Burton ; and diverse other.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT MORWYN [OF INGOLDMELLS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 211*d*.]

4 June, 1530. I Robert Morwyn off Ingolmelles. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Ingolmelles. To the high alter of our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high alter in Ingolmelles for forgotten tithys ijs. viij*d*. To the ij syde alters, ether of them iiij*d*. To the belles vj*d*. To Agnes my wyff a cowe and a horse and xv yowes with ther lammys, on burlyng, and all my household stuff. To Jenet and Isabell, my doughters, each a cowe and a calffe. To Mary Tyler. To Wylliam Chattryngton vj hogges. I bequeth to a prest a trentall for to syng for my saule and for all my good frend soulys. The resydewe of my goodes, my body brought to the erthe, [etc.], I gyff them to Agnes my wyff and to my ij doughters, evenly to be devydyd emonges them. I make my executors John Morwyn, John Bruster ; and Richard Willerton of Orby supervisor ; and I gyff them for ther labors every on of them xij*d*. Thyes wytnes, sir Simon Dawson ; Robert Wyllus ; Thomas Herryson ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Partney, 5 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BYRKYT [OF NORTH WITHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 309.]

7 June, 1530. I Thomas Byrkeytt of Northwytham, seke of body. My body to be buryed in the paryshe church*e* yerde. To the high alter of Northwytham viij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the parysh church*e* of Northwytham the best barly lande that I have. To Mr parson vjs. to pray for me. To Mr Thomas Bagott di' a acre of whette and another of pease. To every on of my chyl dren ij nethe kyne, [etc.]. To euery church*e* that marchys upon hus a stryke of malte. Resydue of goodes to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrice ; and Richerd Grene off Gunby to be oversear. Thes bearyng wytnes, Sir John Dave ; John Byrkeytt ; and Richerd Grene ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Bylchefelde, 1 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WALGRAVE OF BURTON [PEDWARDINE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 180.]

10 June, 1530. I William Walgrave of Burton Petwardyne makes thys my last will. My body to be buried within the church of saynt Androy of the sayd Burton. I gyff for my mortuary xijs., and to the hygh alter for my forgottyn tythynges iijs. iiij*d.* To the reparacions of the chyrch vjs. viij*d.*; to the reparacions off our Lady chapell vjs. viij*d.* To our Lady warke of our mother chyrch of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the churches of Scredyngton iijs. iiij*d.*, Osburnby iijs. iiij*d.*, Dembylby xxd., and Water Willoby xxd. I will that a prest shall syng for my father soule, my mother, my soule, and all crysten soulys thre yeres within the church of Burton, and to have for hys wagys yerly for the sayd space *vl.* I gyff to kepe a yerly obbyt within the sayd church for my father saule, my mother saule, my saule, and all crysten saulys xls. To Alice the chylde that I bryng up too qwyse, x lammys. To Alice my wyff syster on cowe. To Agnes my daughter two ky. To my daughter Margery on cowe. To every godchylde that I have on lamme. To every chylde of my sones Simon and Richerd on lamme. To echon of my brether xs. To my sonne, Simon Walgrave, forty hole schepe and forty lammys and fyve seame of malte. To my sone Richerd Walgrave forty hole shepe forty lammys and fyve seame of malte. To the sayd Simon and Richerd the parsonage of the sayd Burton dewryng my yeres. I will that ther be disposyd to pore people to pray for my soule on thre days, that is to say, on my buryall day, my vijth day, and my monyth day, *xxl.* Also I wyll that ther be done at Boston x messys at *Scala celi*. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff unto my wyff yff she do not mary; and yff she mary, then I will that my sone [*sic*] Simon and Richerd have the thyrd parte of all the forsayd goodes. I make my executores my wyff and Simon and Richerd my sonnes; and William Swanne to be the supervisor. Thes wytnes, Mr vicar; sir Henry Watson; William Swanne; Simon Robertson; Simon Walgrave; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleaford, 11 July, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

## [THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM DALYSON OF LAUGHTON, NEAR GAINSBOROUGH.]

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 8*d.* Collated with another copy at folio 46*d.*]

11 June, 1530. I Wylliam Dalyson off Laughton.<sup>1</sup> My body to be buried in the church of All Halowys in Lawghton.<sup>1</sup> To the hye alter vjs. viij*d.* forgotten. To the warkes of ower mother holly church at Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To every order of the frears at Lincoln xxd. To sanct Margarytes church in Yorke vs. I wyll that a prest schall syng for the helth of my sawlle the space of one zere next after my deth. To every on of my thre daughteres Isabell, Elezabeth, and Jane *xl* markes. I make Marget my wyff, Wylliam and Roger my sones, my executores. Thes wytnes, syr Robert Taylyer, prest; Wylliam Barre<sup>2</sup>; Edmund Wharffe; and Myghell Atkyn.

[No probate act.]

<sup>1</sup> Laughton at f. 46*d.*<sup>2</sup> Rarre at f. 46*d.*



## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TAYLLOR OF ELLESHAM.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 176*d*.]

12 June, 1530. I Richerd Tayllour of Ellesham makes my wyll. My body to be buryed in the church of Ellesham. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *xxd*. I bequeth on searge of a pownde wax and vs. in money to fynde on light before our Lady in Ellesham churche in the Lady qwere evermore. To John Tayllour, my fader, on gowne, on feder bedde, on cowe, and xij sekkes, and xiijs. *iiijd*. To Robert Tayllour *iiij* quarters malte, my grene cote, on dublet, on chamlet *jyrkyn*. To William Tayllour, Jamys Tayllour, Richerd Whaplode, Robert Shorte, Betterys Sargeaunt, Alyson Tayllor, Jenet Longacre. To Elizabeth my wyff. To Edward Tayllour. To Jenet Tayllor *vi*. in the handes of John Hall of Barton, boteman. To the prior of Ellesham *xijd*., and to every brother *iiijd*. To the vicar of Ellesham and commerciis *iijs*. *iiijd*., and to the said vicar my whyte horse. I bequeth all my dettes to the church of Ellesham, as it apperyth in a byll in the vicar handes. Resydew of goodes to John Tayllour, whom I make my executor. Thes men wytnes, sir John Whaplode, vicar; John Tayllour; Edward Hopkynson; and Thomas Whaplode, etc.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 25 July, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYLYNNSON [OF TYMBERLAND.]

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 259.]

13 June, 1530. I John Wylkynson of Tymberland parych makyth my last wyll. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Tymberland. To the hygh alter for forgotten tithys *vjs*. *viiijd*. To our Lady of Lincoln warkes *xvj**d*. To our Lady of Marton *xvj**d*. To my brother, John Wylkynson, *ij* oxen, a mere, a fely, a calffe, and my wane as it goys. To the church of Tymberland *x* yowys, [etc.]. To Robert Wylkynson, my godsun, a gray mer with ther foller. To Thomas Wylkynson a bay mere with *ij* folloers. To John Clerke elder a blak yren and a bronde. To John Clerke. I gyff a trentall of messys to be sayd in the church of Tymberland. Resydue of goodes to my brother John Wylkynson and Richerd Johnson, wich I make my executors. I wyll that sir Robert Dowke be supervisor. Wytnessys herof, sir Robert Dowke; Thomas Hedley; Richerd Johnson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 30 September, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM THOMAS [OF WICKENBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 189.]

14 June, 1530, 21<sup>st</sup> Henry VIII. I William Thomas of Wykynbe. My body to be buried in the church of St Peter in Wykynbe, with my mortuary as it is due.<sup>2</sup> To the high alter of the forsayd churche *iijs*. *iiijd*. for tithys and oblacions forgotten. To our Lady warkes of our mother church of Lincoln *iijs*. *iiijd*. To every house of the *iiij* orders of frerys within Lincoln *xxd*. I will that a prest shall syng for me and for my good frendes halfe a yere within the churche of Wykynby. To Margaret

<sup>1</sup> *Rectius* '22'.<sup>2</sup> Translated from the Latin to this point.



my wyff v marke of money, the wich money Richerd Thomas, my sonne, doth owe unto me. To the church aforesayd iij bee hyves to fynde ij lyghtes brennyng within the kyrke, to burne on the halydays in tyme of divine servys, on of them before the roode and Mare and John, and the other before saynt John the Baptist, as long as the hyvys goo forward and thryvys. To Margaret my wyff the hole croppe [*folio 189d.*] that is sawn within the felde of Westlaby, with halffe the croppe that longes to Torpay house. To Charlys Thomas. I will that Margaret my wyff shall have the proffyt of my schepe as long as she doth lyff; and then they to be devydyd among my chyl dren barnes, as far as they will retche. The resydew of my goodes I put in to the handes of my executors, whome I make Ric' Thomas, my sonne, John Thomas, my sonne, and sir Edward Thomas, my kynsman, and yche of them to have for ther busynes xs. I make Mr Henry Bapthorpe supervisor. In wytnes herof, William Blowe of Wykynby; George Nevell of Faldyngworth; William Ynglewood; Henry Person; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 5 July, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY HALL [OF LIMBER PARVA].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 219.]

15 June, 1530. I Henry Halle of Lyttyll Lymber makes my last wyll and testament. My body to be buried within the kyrke of All Haloys off Brokelesby. To the sacrament of the same kyrke vs. iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Lady warke iiij*d.* To Newsom abbay a bushyll of barly. To Lytle Lymber chapell a bushyll of barly. To Howsbe kyrke iiij*d.* To Kyrnyngton kyrke xij*d.* To Haburgh kyrke a brasse pottle. I bequeth to the gylde of our Lady at Brokelesby a cownter and ij pewter dooblers. I will that a pryst syng for me and for my wyff a hole yere, and he to have for hys [*sic*] vij markes. The resydue of my goodes not wyt I bequeth unto Jenet Tolle, whome I make my executris to dispose them for the helthe of my soule as she thynkes best. I wyll that John Hall, my brother, be supervisor. Thes persons beyng wytnes, sir William Matyns, parysh preste; John Elston; John Allot; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Castr', 10 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS RABY [OF BARROWBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 254.]

15 June, 1530. I Thomas Raby of Barroby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of All Haloys in Barrowby. To the alter in Barroby iijs. iiij*d.* To the arke where the offerynges be putt to the mayntenynge of our Lady warkes in Lincoln iiij*d.* To the churche of All Haloys off Barroby vj schepe. To the church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Wolesthorpe vj schepe. I will have at my buryall, dirige with note, and prestes and clerkes to have for ther labors [*sic*]. I will have delte the same day to man, woman and chylde [*folio 254d.*] halpeny brede. To Richerd my sonne a newe bounde wayne [etc.]. I will that all my goodes be evenly devydyd in thre partes: and as towchyng on to my parte I do putt it to the discession and conscience

of Isabell my wyff ; and another parte to my chyldren, the wich parte to be devydyd in vij partes ; and John my brother to have on of them unto the discrecion, sight, and counsell of my cosyn Thomas Olyoet. I will that all my chyldren be at the kepyng of my wyff and John my wyff [*sic*] and John my brother, as long as she kepe her wedoy. And yff it so be that she be disposyd her aftyr to be maryed agayne, I will that all my chyldren with all ther partys be delyveryd unto ther unkyll, my brother John ; he to have the rewle of them with the counsell of my cosyn Thomas aforesayd. I make Isabell my wyff to be my pryncipall executrix, and Richerd my sonne and John Basseth ; and my cosyn Thomas Olyott to be overseer ; And the resydewe of my parte not bequeste I do gyff to my executors ; they to dispose for the helth of my soule, as they shall thynke the best. Thes beyng wytnes, Mr Thomas Goldyng, the parson of Baroughby ; sir William Mayson ; Thomas Nobill ; John Jesoppe ; Richerd Basseth ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 22 September, 1530. Administration committed to the executrix, the other executors being dead.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WYETSON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 347.]

15 June, 1530. I Will'm Wyetson. To the high altare wher as I shall be buryed for forgottyn tithys vs. To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd*. To the high altare of Crofte *xxd*. I make Robert Dawson and Thomas Dawson feoffys of my landes and ten'tes in the countie of Lincoln to the performance of my will, [etc.] ; I will that my executors take the reuenous and proffyt of my sayd landes for terme of *iiij* yeres, besydes and over thys halffe yere, to the performance of my last will. To Margaret my syster my swanne marke with all the swannys therto belongyng. To Robert Dawson my best gowne, a dooblet of blak velvet, a jaket of chamlet, my best bonet, my best cherte, [etc.], for such chargys as I have putt hym to. To Thomas Dawson. To Robert Dawson wyff a cote for one of her chyldren. To Richerd Hunt *ij* aglettes of golde with a patlet of tawny velvet. To Martyn Graunte *ij* bottammys of golde. Resydue of goodes to Robert Dawson and Thomas Dawson, whome I make my executors. Witnesses sir John Monke of Tateshale, curate ; John Porter, clerke ; Martyn Graunt, brotherer [*sic*] ; John Bawdre of Crofte ; Ralffe Fuster ; with moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 September, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CRANE [OF FLEET].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 261d.]

18 June, 1530. I William Crane of Flete. My body to be buryd within the churchyerde of Mary Magdalen. To the hygh alter *iiijd*. To the church warkes *iijs*. *iiijd*. To the makyng of a lofte for the organs *xijd*. To the roode light, the may lyght and s<sup>t</sup> Cristofer light every on of them *ijd*. To the makyng of our Lady of Redybone chapell *xijd*. To the warkes of our mother chyrch of Lincoln *iiijd*. To the pore chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *ijd*. To Secily my doughter, Isabell and Margaret, everyon of them on bullok. To John my sonne. To Wylliam the sonne of Roger Crane. To my godsun, Thomas Brodyng. To William Watson.

To William Flette and Thomas Flette. To Catheryne the daughter of John Crane. To Alice my wyff on horsse callyd Wyght Lyerd. To Thomas my sone my house after the decease of my wyff. To Thomas my sonne all my copy holde lande lying within Flette immediatly after my decease. The resydue of my goodes I will it shall be devydyd among my chyldren. I make my executors Robert Crane and Roger Crane. Wytnes, Henry Samson; William Thaker; John Sowthe.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF [blank] KELTERON [OF KETSBY, IN THE PARISH OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 229.]

21 June, 1530. Kelteron [*sic*] of Ketsby. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Ketysby with my mortuary that the law will. I will that my chypaxe be solde, and xij*d.* of the money shall go to the hygh alter of our Lady of Lincoln; the resydewe of the money to our Lady warkes. To the high alter in s<sup>t</sup> Margaret churche of Ketysby xij*d.* To the [same] vjs. viij*d.* to that intent that ther be yerly on taper of wax sett afore the sacrament, and burnyd to it be done, and than yerly renewyd agane. To the bellys ther xij*d.* To Margaret my daughter and Robert and Richerd my sonnys every on of them xxvjs. viij*d.* To William Kelteron on axe, a chesyll, and a mortus wymbyll. Resydewe of goodes to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thies wytnes, John Cokke, parson; Edmund Alyn; and other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 November, 1530. Administration committed to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. FOLDINGTON [OF BARHOLM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 309*d.*]

22 June, 1530. I Thomas Foldyngton of Berham. My body to be buried in the chapell of our blessyd Lady within the parysh churche of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn in Barham, to the reparacion of the wiche I bequeth vjs. viij*d.*, so that the paryshoners be contentyd that I may be buried there and my wyff, wher it shall please God that we shall departe from thys present worlde. To Johanne Day, my daughter, ij acres of fre lande lying in the felde of Berham, wheroff on acre and a haff lyith in the north felde boundyng upon a dyke namyd Bawdyn dyke, and half an acre lyith in the same felde under Casevyke hedge, for the terme of her lyff; and she for that same to kepe the lighttes before the ymage of our Lady in the churche of Barham as I have done in tymys past. Also I will, aftyr her decease, that the churchewardyns for tyme beyng occupy the foresayd lande to the churche behoyff, and to fynde that light, as it is afore rehersed, for ever. Also to the forsayd Johanne a pece of lande contenyng vj roodes, lying in the southfelde of Barham in a furlong callyd the Burrowe, for her lyff; and she for that same to offre every yere duryng her lyff in the parysh church of Barham the Thuresday in the fyrst hole weke of Lent iiij messe penys, and to gyff to the ryngers a penny worth of brede and a gallan of ale; and aftyr



her decease, I wyll that the churchwardens for tyme beyng occupy the lande to the churche profet, kepyng that obbyt for ever, [etc.]. To our Lady of Lincoln *vjd.* To my curate, the vicar of Berham, my best qwyk good for to pray for my soule and set my name in hys beed rowle. To the high alter for tithys negligently forgotten halff a seme barly. To the Sepulcre light halff a seame barly. To the reparacion of the bellys *viijd.* To the Trinite light *viijd.* To the reparacion of the church of Barham *ijs.* To the convent of the abbay in Burne to pray for my soule *ijs. iiijd.* To the churche of Barham a blew clothe to ber over the sacrament apon Corpus Christi day and other tymys convenyent. To the churche of Stowe *ijs. iiijd.* To Thomas Day, my sonne in law, and to Johanne hys wyff, to the behoyff of Alice ther doughter, *ij* acres of freland beyng in the felde of Barham, to thame and to ther heyres, payng to the lorde the chefe as it hath done in tyme past. To the *iiij* orders of frerys in Stanford, ich of the orders *vs.* to syng or cause to be done for my soule and them that I am bounde to pray for and all crysten saulys *ij* trentallys, that is for to say, ich of the forsayd orders *di. a* trentall. To John Cok of Barham an acre of barly and a roode of whete lying by hys owne lande, and halff an acre of pease. To Thomas Cooke, my godsun. To John Hawkman the yonger. To Alice Hawkman. To Robert Hymers, the parysh clerke of Barham, for to pray for me, on schepe. The resydewe of my goodes to Alice my wyff and to Thomas Day, my sonne in lawe, and to Johanne my doughter, wyff unto the fore-sayd Thomas, whome I orden my executors; and William Lambert to be supervysor. Thes wytnes, sir Roger Harker, vicar of Berham; William Lambert of the same towne; John Coocke; William Towe; Robert Hymers; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Stanford, 2 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY FYSHER [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 196.]

24 June, 1530. I Henry Fysher off Pynchbek. My body to be buried within the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter *vjd.* To every alter in the sayd church *iiijd.* To our Lady gylde *ijs.* To the church warke *xxd.* To the church warke of Lincoln *vjd.* To saint Catheryns *iiijd.* I will have disposyd at my buryall day *xiijs. iiijd.*; also at my vijth day *iijs.*; at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day *iijs.* To Thomas Kyrton. To John Galthorpe. To Thomas Galthorpe the sone of the sayd John. To John Fysher, my brother, dwellyng in Holbeche my marbyll cote. To William Fysher, his brother, dwellyng in Flete. The rest of my goodes I gyff them [to] Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrice, with John Galthorpe and Thomas Sparroy. Thes being wytnes, Thomas Hyll, prest; Thomas Bray; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WYLSON OF OWRESBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 175.]

24 June, 1530. I Robert Wylson of Owresby. My body to be buried in the church yerde of saynt Martyn of the sayd Owresby. I wyt to the high alter for tithys forgotten *xijd.* I wyt to the sayd kyrke



warke xij*d*. I wyt to our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To every order of frerys that I am broder too ij*d*. To Thornton kyrke iiij*d*. To Helene Sqwyer. I wyt to William Wellys. To saynt Loy light a li. of wax mayd in a serge that it may be so usyd with the stok that longes to hym. I will have a messe done at *Scala celi* at frerys for my soule, and iiij messys in my parysh kyrke. I wyt to my doughter ij chylde at Thornton. I wyt to my doughter sonne at Owresby. To Diances my wyff all the resydew of my goodes excepte she take another husband ; and yf she mary, then I will that she have but halfe, and the other halffe to be devydyd betwyxte my ij doughters, Halyson Browne and Margaret Barker. And yff my wyff take no husband, I will that she gyff them parte of the goodes at her last ende ; wich Diances I make my executrix. And I will that William Browne and Thomas Barker, my sonnys in law, be supervisors. Thes men to wytnes, John Lammyng, prest ; William Wellys ; William Peche ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 5 July, 1530. Administration committed to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS TONNERDE [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 197.]

30 June, 1530. I Thomas Tonnerde of Kyrton in Holand make my testament concludyng with my last will. My body to be beryd in the church yerd of the appostels Peter and Paule. And that for my mortuary that the law dothe require. To the high alter for tithys forgotten viij*d*. To every alter in the same church ij*d*. To the reparacions of the sayd church viij*d*. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphans [*folio 197d.*] iiij*d*. To ych of my chyltren. To Richard, William, Thomas, Xp'ofer and John my sonnes. To Agnes my doughter a calfe, and att the day off her mariage to be delyveryd by the handes of her mother iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Robert Fyshe, my godbarne. Resydue of my goodes to my wyff, whome I make my executrice. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Ashley ; Wylliam Drawswerd ; Wylliam Taly ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. GOODWYN [OF THEDDLETHORPE ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 321.]

2 July, 1530. I William Goodwyn of Thedylthorp make this my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of All Halloys of Thedylthorp. To the high alter iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the crosse of Thedylthorp ij*d*. To the warkes of Thedilthorp viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Thedylthorp iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Augustyn Freres of Grymesby xx*d*. for v massys. To Thomas my sonne. To Margaret Fowler. To Agnes my doughter. The resydue of my goodes to Margaret my wyff and William Genyll, her fader, that they may dispose it for the helth of my soule and all my frendes soullys, [etc.]. Thes wytnes, William Lyestrop ; Robert Goodwyn ; George Wouer ; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 13 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. LAFELDE [OF SPILSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 319.]

4 July, 1530. I Thomas Lafelde of Spyllesby make my testament. My body to be buryed in the church of st Jamys of Spyllesby. To my mortuary that the law will require for to do. To our Lady of Lincoln *xxd.* To the sacrament *xijd.* To the commune light *xijd.*, and to the yongmens light *xijd.*, and to the maydes light *xijd.* To Thomas my sonne v marke, [etc.]. To Isabell my doughter v marke, [etc.]. To Robert Bawdyng, Alyson Haldon, Auys Bawldyng, John Haldon, Thomas Pynson the yonger, Thomas Carver, Thomas Whetley, and Auys Schepey. To Avys my wyff my house in Spyllesby her lyff; [remainder] to Richard my sonne; [remainder] to the next heyres foloyng. To the enamelyng *vjs. viijd.* To John Lafelde of Parteney *vj yerdes* of violet of yerde brode. To the helpyng of the church off Spyllesby *vjs. viijd.* I make sir William Haldon my supervisor, and he to have for hys labor *iiij yerdes* of muster-devillys. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Auys my wyff, whome I make my executrix for to dispose for my soule and all crysten soullys. Thes men beryng wytnes, sir Thomas Peper; Robert Bawldyng; Thomas Carvar; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Partney, 11 March, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WYLYNNSON [OF ULCEBY NEAR SPILSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 215.]

4 July, 1530. I Thomas Wylkynson off Vlceby makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of All Haloys in Vlceby. I gyff in the sted of my mortuary *xxd.* I gyff for my forgottyn tithys *vijjd.* To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *ijd.* To our Lady off Walsyngham *iiijd.* To the good roode in Boston *iiijd.* To st Fryday in Boston *ijd.* To Jenet my wyff. To John my sone my wayns and ploughys with all their attyementes that longes to them, [etc.], and the copy of my house aftyre hys mother be maryed; and then I will that John my brother have my sonne and hys wytworde; and he to make reparacions and pay the lorde hys rente; and when my sone is *xvj yerdes* of age I will that my brother shall deliver him hys copy and hys wytworde. To Thomas my sone *xxs.*, [etc.]; and Robert my brother to have the kepyng of hym and hys bequestes; and when he is *xvj yerdes* of age then to delyver the sayd wytworde to the sayd Thomas. To Richerd my sonne *xxs.*, [etc.]; and hys mother to have hym and hys wytworde to he be *vij yerdes* of age. To George my sonne *xxs.* owt off hys mother wytworde, and to be delyveryd when he is *x yerdes* olde. To Agnes my doughter *xiijs. iiijd.*; Henry Margyson to have her and it to she be *xvj yerdes* of age. To Isabell my doughter *xxs.*, [etc.]. To the gyldyng under the roode lofte *iijs. iiijd.* To every on of my godchylder *iiijd.* I will have *ij trentallys* done for my soule and all my benefactors soullys; and the prest to have for hys labor *xxs.* To Laurence Smyth and Robert Wylkynson, whome I make my executors that they may dispose my goodes for the helth of my soule and to haue for ther labors ether off them *vjs. viijd.* Thes wytnes, John Gybbon, prest; Michel Smyth; William Smyth; John Dandy; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.

[THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD HARRYS OF [R]YFFHAM<sup>1</sup>].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 41d. *Collated with another copy at folio 3d.*]

5 July, 1530. I Rychard Harris, seke of body, makes my will. My body to be beried in that pariche quear as death takes me. I bequest to owr Ladi warke of Lincoln ijs. To the church of Refam xij*d*. I will that my wife have the iij part of all maner of goodes which is myn and heres by the way of mariage. I will that she be my executor of the resydue of my goodes for to order and dispose to the honar of God and the health of my saule; and to certify the treweth thes men folowyng be witnes, sir Robart Wilkinson, vicar of Refam; Jhon Hopkin of the same town; Jhon Biscope; and Thomas Dene of the same.

Proved before L., in the church of Netilham, 20 March, 1530-1. [Administration granted to the executrix.<sup>1</sup>]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GAUNTE OF PYNCHBEK.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 194.]

6 July, 1530. I John Gaunte of Pynchbek makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter ther iiij*d*. To every alter in the sayd church ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ij*d*. To Johanne my doughter a chamber in the yerde wher I dwell, to sett in her stuff to tyme she be maryed; also on ambre, all the payntyd clothys in the hall, a chafyng dyshe, my wyff best beades, [etc.]. To Robert my sone the cotage that I dwell in, and to the heyre male off hys body; [remainder] to my ij doughters and to ther heyres; [remainder] to the heyres generall of Robert my sonne; and yff my sonne and my doughters dye without heyres, I will it be solde by the churche graues of Pynchbek then beyng. The resydue of goodes I will they be evenly devydyd emong my iij chyl dren. All other thynges I putto the discrestion of Robert Gaunte and John Yong, whome I make my executors. Thies wytnes, William Bewyk, prest; Geffrey Robynson; and Alexander Proytte.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR RICHARD GRAY [OF SOUTH ELKINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 218d.]

6 July, 1530. I sir Richard Gray, vicar of Southelkyngton makes my testament. My body to be buried in the chyrch of All Halloys of Sowthelkynton. I wyt to the chyrch aforesayd xij*d*. I wyt to our Lady of Lincoln iij*s*. iiij*d*. I wyt to Kesaunder Dowse, Agnes Dawsson, and John Lylborne on lamme and on qweye each. To Gregory Gray. I wyt to sir John Gray, sir Henry Gray, and William Gray, whome I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule, ich on of them x*s*. Resydewe of my goodes to Walter Gray. Thes beryng wytnes, John Wyndyll; William More; and Thomas Hawyll.

Proved before P., at Louth, 7 October, 1530. Administration granted to William an executor, the other executors renouncing.

<sup>1</sup> Supplied from folio 3d.



[WILLIAM HOLDEN OF DARBY IN THE PARISH OF BURTON STATHER.]  
[STOW, 1530-52, f. 280.]

6 July, 1530. I William Holden of Darby within the parich of Burton, seke in body, orden and make this my last will and testament. My body to be buried within the church of Burton. To the vicar in restitution of tithes for getton, if any be, in discharge of my conscience, and four my mortuar' oon kowe, the statute to the contrary made not withstanding. To the church warke of Burton xxvjs., excepte and reserued oute of the same the costes of my sepultur, which xxvjs. the said church [*folio* 280d.] of Burton owgh me. To the werkes of our mother church of Lincoln iij*s.* iij*d.* To either howse of the Freres of Grymsby xi*d.* To the prior and convent of Goykwell iij*s.* iij*d.* To Agnes Walkar, Jane Clowsse and Agnes Anderson. To Alice my wiff and to Robert my son my ferme in Derby duryng my yeres. To Alice my wiff my landes and tenementes in Wynterton, Halton, Burton, and Byrton Stat', to have and holde for terme of her lyff; and after her decesse, I giff [the premises] in Wynterton and Halton to Thomas my son, to have and to holde to hym and to his heires for ever mor. Residue of goodes to Alice my wiff, and Robert and Thomas my children, which I ordeyn my full executours. Also I will that Petur Anderson and John Closse be supervisours. Theys men beyng wittenes, John Closse; John Colynson of Flexburgh; William Anderson of the same; with other mo.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT SELTORN OF ALKBOROUGH.<sup>1</sup>]

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 1. *Collated with another copy at ff. 39-40d.*] which is referred to in the footnotes as A.

6 July, 1530. I Robert Seltorn of Alkbarow makes my testament. My body to be beryed in the paryche church off Awkebarrowe in the qwere before the ymage of sanct John the Baptyst, wythe my mortuary accordyng to the new statute ther of mayd. I wyll that for my beryyng in the qwere and for my forgotten thythes v*s.* vii*d.* I wyl that my executours make a peny dole at the day of my beryall, and the preste that synges the hyght masse xi*d.*, and the deken and subdeken to eyther of them vii*d.*, and to every preste besyde v*d.* To ower Lady warke of Lincoln, x*d.* I wyl that xiiij pore men have xiiij gownes blake<sup>2</sup> frese, and every pore man to have iij yerdes off iij or v*d.* a yerde, and they to pray for my sawlle the day off my beryal, and they to have ther gownes mayd yff it may be possyble. To the chyrche of Awkebarrow two thorches. I bequethe to the hyght awter off Wynterton for forgotten thythes x*d.* To the sayd Wynterton church a vestment sortteable to the cope of blewe velvet, and my marke to be sette in ytt. To my brother Roger my best gowne wyth my best dublett and jaket and my best hoyse and bonet, wyth myn best rynges off golde and my best standyn salt wyth the coveryng off sylver and di' gyltt; also a fether bede wyth the second coveryng and althynges belongyng unt' yt as yt standes. To my brother Daltre my fox furryd gowne, wyth a satten

<sup>1</sup> Supplied from A.    <sup>2</sup> blaken in A.



dublett and a chamlet jakett. To my syster Esabell Daltre two mylke kyee. To George Daltre a hundreth fellys by the dyscrecion off my executours. To my brother Roger the resydewe of my yers that I have in the parsonage off Awkbarow [*folio 1d.*] as apperyth by the indenturs there off mayd betwyxt the prior off Spaldyng and me. To our Lady churche off Beuerley, where I was borne, a howse in the mareet<sup>1</sup> rawe that gyffes vijs. by the yere, laytt in the holdyng of John Wardore, glover; and I wyl that the church masters of the same church cause yerely a dirige with a messe of requiem to be song for my soull and for my faders saull and for all criston saulles, and a peny to be offerd at the messe bi the Trinite prest. Also I will that all my dettes be paid within a yere and a day after my departyng, and also my faders dettes that cane be provyd dettable. I will that every godbarne that I have, both man and woman, where so ever the be, if the be on liff, and will come for it, to have xij*d.* or elles a yow lame. To the churche and parichoners of Alkbarow a melke cow, and she to be letten to the most profytt frome yere to yere, and the increse to go to saynt John the Baptiste gilde and saynt Petur gilde, so that the church masters and the brethern cause a dirige and messe to be done with the prest and clarke every yere ons vppon the day of my departinge, and to ringe ouer the nyght. To every order of freers in Beuerley iijs. iiij*d.* to sey messe and dirige for me. I will that my broder Roger have all such landes that I bought of hym in Beuerley to hym and to his heres, and he to enyoe the same accordinge to his first tityll and gifte of his fader. Also all such landes as I bought of my broder William to the said Roger for terme of his liff; and after his decesse the said landes to remayn accordinge to the will of my fader, that is to sey, to John Silsterne<sup>2</sup> my broder and his heres. And the residew of my guddes I giffe and bequethe them [*folio 2*] unto Thomas Portyngton and Roger Sylstern, whome I orden my trew and faithfull executors, and the to dispose the same accordinge to there gud discrecions. And the disposicion of all my landes in Wynterton and Resby in the countie of Lincoln wherin I enffeoed Thomas Portyngton, Walter Grymmeston, Edward Forman, Thomas Grymmeston, and Henry Portington, as bi a dede to them theroff maide, wich berys date the first day of Aprile, the xxj yere of kinge Henry the eight, as in the same dede more playnly doth appere, I will that the said Thomas Portyngton and other his coeffeothers, there heres and assignes shall stand and be feoffes in trust of and in the said landes and other the premisses comprised in the said dede of feoffment to the intent that there be an honest prest founde withe the issues and profyttes of the same landes bi the space of xx<sup>ti</sup> yeres; and the said prest to syng in the church of Alkbarow, and to have durynge the said xx<sup>ti</sup> yeres vi*d.* bi yere, parcell of the same; and the said prest to sey dirige dalye for my saull, Elizab<sup>3</sup> my wiffes saull, my fader and moder saulles, and all my frendes saulles, duringe the said terme. And the residew of the said landes in Wynterton and Reesby<sup>3</sup> duringe the said xx<sup>ti</sup> yeres to go to reparacions and upholdinge of the said landes and tenementes, and iff eny<sup>4</sup> thinge remayn that it be disposyd bi myne executors bi there gud discretion for the helth of my saull, Elizab<sup>3</sup> my wiffes saull, and all criston saulles; and after the ende of the said xx<sup>ti</sup> yeres, then I will that the land in Wynterton and

<sup>1</sup> *Rectius* Marcer *as in A.*<sup>2</sup> *Silterne in A.*<sup>3</sup> *Resby in A.*<sup>4</sup> *every in A.*

Reesby remayn to [*folio 2d.*] Roger Sylsterne, my broder, his heres and assignes for evermore. Thies men berynge witnesse, syr Robert Pynder, his confessor ; syr John Mell, preste ; Edward Forman, esquyer ; George Forman, gent ; Edward Edryngton, yoman ; Robert Abbot, gent' ; Thomas Vty, yoman ; withe other moo.

Proved before L., 8 February, 1530-1, in the cathedral church of Lincoln. Administration granted to the executors, to Thomas Portyngton personally, and to Roger Sylstern, in the person of sir John Bateman, priest, his proctor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD COKE [OF COWBIT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 313.]

9 July, 1530. I Richard Coke of Cowbyt within the parysh of Spaldyng make my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of the privilege place of Cowbyt. To the high alter of Cowyt [*sic*] iiij*d.* To Cowbyt churche xij*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the pore chylder of st Catheryns ij*d.* To Grace my wyff ij pecys of grounde lying in Mylne Gate, to her and her heyres, to gyff and sell. I will on preste syng a trentall in Cowbyt chyrche for my soule and all crysten soulys, and that he have for hys labor xs. To John my sonne on skere, on tramyll, and on fylly. To John Mason. To William Mason. Resydue of goodes to the disposicion of Grace my wyff, which I orden executrix, with the discret oversyght of sir Thomas Sheryff. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Sheryff ; William Mason ; and John Mason.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 6 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BURTON [OF WADDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 362.]

11 July, 1530. I William Burton of the parysh of Wadyngton makyth my wyll. My body to be buryed in the church yerde. To the high alter for my tithys negligently forgottyn xij*d.* To my chyldren ichon of them a cawffe. To Elizabeth my wyff my house with the purtenaunces to the terme of her lyff ; [remainder to] John my sonne ; and yff they fortune all to departe owt of this worlde then I will that it shall remane to the church of Wadyngton, doying yerly iijs. iiij*d.* for [*folio 362d.*] my soule, my father soule, and all crysten soulys. Also I will that the sayd churche shall have my yeres in Mere felde. The reste of my godes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix ; and my uncle, William Alan, to be oversear. Wytnes, John Sower ; and sir Robert Johnson, curat ; with other.

Proved before P., at Braunceton, 19 April, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LEEUELEY OF WEST LOUGHTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 180*d.*]

1530. I John Leeueley of Westloughton makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Loughton. I wyt to the high alter of Loughton iiij*d.* I wyt to our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d.* I wyt to the fatherles chylder at saynt Catheryns ij*d.* I wyt

to Marget Herde. I wyt to my chylder William, Richerd, John, Robert and Margaret, ychon of them on kowe, [etc.]. I wyt to the vicar of Loughton xs. for to pray for me. I wyt ichon of my servandes Robert and Robert, Ame Holand, and Jenet. To my brother Richerd. I charge my wyff that she delyver my chylder thys that I gyff them or ever she be mayd suer with any man. I wyt to my wyff Alice Leueley on acre of land lying in Ewarby felde. The resydew of my goodes not wyt I gyff to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrice, to dyspose as she thynkes most expedyent for the helth of my soule. Wytnes heroff, William vicar of Loughton; Richard Leueley; John Turner; and Thomas Pratte; and others.

Proved before P., at Sempyngham, 11 July, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILL' PARKER OF BOSTON, SMYTH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 193.]

15 July, 1530. I William Parker, smyth, of Boston, makyth thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe of Boston. To the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe for my tithes, oblacions, and offerynges negligently forgotten iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln, and the warkes of the same iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the fatherles chyl dren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns wythout the barres of Lincoln iiij<sup>d</sup>. To my mortuary aftyr the laudable custome and maner of Godys lawys and the kynges lawes to be accustomyd. To Agathe my wyff my mesuage and house that I dwell in, lying in Bargate, duryng her lyff; and the sayd Agathe my wyff to kepe a yerly obbyt and yere day in the chaple and gylde of our blessyd Lady of Boston, situat and founded wythin the chaple of our forsayd blessyd Lady wyth vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. rent of the sayd mesuage; wherupon I will that the forsayd Agathe and her assignes shall gyff vs. to the prestes and clerkes accordyng to the order of the church, and xxd. to be gyffyn in almose emonges the pore people. And aftyr the decease of my wyff I will that the alderman of our Lady gylde with hys successors and hys cobrethern be putte in possession, and be seasyd of the mesuage to them, ther heyres and assignes for ever; and they to kepe a yerly obyt, aniversarye, and yer day for evermore; that is to say, that the alderman and hys cobrethern wyth ther successors do dyspose the forsayd vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. in maner as is afore rehersyd. And yff they will not kepe the sayd obbyt, than I wyll that my executors take upon them to sell the mesuage, and to dispose it for the well of my soule. [folio 193<sup>d</sup>.] To Alice Ryveley, my madyn, v sylver sponys, on mazer sylver and gylte, a sylver pece, on dosyn pewter vessyll, iiij brasse pottes, the on pott bullan metell, on spruse cobard, on brasyn mortar with pestyll, on chafyng dyshe, ij pewter pottes, on laketh a lide, on coarse quylte, on grene chyste, on cofer, ij threne chares on of the more a nother of the lesse, vj candylstykes ij of the best and ij of the secund best and ij of the myddell sorte, vj potagers, and on table. To Isabell Shalok and to Catheryne Doodycke. To sir Richard Parker, my broder. To sir William Atkynson, prest. To William Parker of Donyngton. I will that Alice Revelay, my mayden, be at the rewle of my executors to she cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, [etc.] The resydew of my goodes I gyff to the disposicion of sir Richerd Parker, prest, and William Wardnall



of Boston, whome I orden my executors; and Richer Kelleyt to be survior, they for to dispose my forsaid goodes to the pleasure of God and proffyt of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Markeby, sir John Bayly, prestes; Richerd Kelleyt; Richerd Marshall; Robert Botree; with other moy. I will that my stabyll that is in the abbot of Louthe Parke lane be solde be my executors with the advise and counsell of Richard Ogle, and he to have for hys advise in the sale off the same for hys paynes xs.

Proved before P., at Boston, 11 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

[THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD WATSON OF LIDDINGTON, CO. RUTLAND.]

[L.C.C., 1558, iii, f. 32.]

15 July, 22 Henry VIII, 1530. I Edward Watson of Lidington, co. Rut', mak my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the chauncell off the parishe churche of Lidington if . . . .<sup>1</sup> me to dye nygh unto Lidington; and if yt fortune me to dye far . . . .<sup>1</sup> I will my body be buried in the parishe churche wher yt happ me to depart . . . .<sup>1</sup> wo<sup>d</sup>le, [etc.]. I will my best horse to the curate where I shall departe. I . . . .<sup>1</sup> off Lidington in recompence of my duety undoen and to pray for my s . . . .<sup>1</sup> the body off the same churche off Lidington for reparacion therof xls. . . .<sup>1</sup> ther vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>.; and to the torches ther vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>.; and to the sepulcre . . . .<sup>1</sup> viiij<sup>d</sup>. To the cath. churche off Lincoln in recompence of my duety undoen . . . .<sup>1</sup> the churche or chauncell where yt shall happen me to be buried for my burial . . . .<sup>1</sup> as the custome is honestly to be paid. I will that myn executores cause an hole trigintall off masses to be said in the churche where I shalbe buried upon the daye off my buriall if that so may be, orels the next daye or days folowing. And lykwise as many at the monythes mynd, and as many at my yeres day. And I will ther be spente at the day of my buriall and gyven to prestes, clarkes, and poer people xxl.; and at my monethes mynd xl.; and at my yere day xl. And I will that immediately after my buryng myn executoures fynd an honest secular preist to pray for my sawlle in the churche where I shalbe buried, and all the sowles of all them that I have faren better for, by the space off oon hole yere, having for his salary vjl.; and he to say daily that yere placebo and dirige, and dayly masse if he can be so disposed at the lest v or vj tymes every wek to say masse.

To my sister, Janett Peerson, vl., and to my sister, dame Sibbell, at saint Katerens iiijl.; and I will that my wiff owt of suche landes as I haue willed to hyr doo pay to my said sister Sibbell xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. yerely during there two lives. To Richard Brian, my cosyn, iiijl. To Johan Smyth, hys sister, xxs.; and to his sister, married, at Kyrkham in York-shire xxs. To Mylys Parkinson at London vjl. xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>.; and to my cosy, Agnes Smyth, in London xxs.; and to hyr sister my cosyn Isabell in London xxs. To Margaret Erington and Helen Fox, my sister doughters. To sir John Williamson the yongar to pray for my sowll xxs.; and to sir John Williamson thelder xxs. To John Panter, my seruaunte xx shepe oon of my hakney horses and in mony liijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To John

<sup>1</sup> A piece has been torn off the right hand edge of folio 32.



Winterbourn oon of my gude furred gownnes, oon of my dowblettes of sylk, oon of my riding cotes, oon of my hakney horsis, xxx gude shepe, the bed I lye in my self beyng in my chambre at London, and in redy money vjl., in full recompense of all thinges bitwixt hym and me if he will so accept yt, els this bequest mad to hym to be void ; and under the same maner I forgyve hym all suche money as he aweth me. To Thomas Webster, my seruaunte, oon of my furred gownnes, on of my dowbletes of sylk, [etc.]. [*folio* 33] To John Lee, and John Fowler my seruauntes. To euery of my other seruantes, men and woman, besides all ther dueties xs. and to euery of my god children that will come for them ij shepe, and to euery pore howshold in Lidington after the discrecion off myn executores xij*d*.

I will that sone after my deth myn executoures distribute emonges the pore people at Sledmare, where I was born, iij*l*. vjs. viij*d*., and to the brethern and sestern at Kingwoldgraves emong them xxs. To every hows off freers in Stamford, Leicester, and Northampton xs. To the priour and convent of Laund, the priour and chanons of Brok', the priour and chanons of Laund, the abbot and convent of Oselueston, and the priour and convent of Fynneshed xxs. apiece. To the nunnes of Rowell vjs. viij*d*., the priour of Bradley xs., the priour and convent of Sempingham xxs. To the nunes of Sempingham xxs. To the abbasse and convent of de Lapray besides Northampton xxs., and to the nunes at Stamford, xs., and to the priour and convent of Newested besides Stamford, xs., and to the priour and convent of Newested vpon Ancolme xxs. I pray that in every of thies howses may be song a dirigye and masse for my sawll, my ffather, my mother, my lord Smyth, my lord Atwater, and Master William Smyth, and Master Robert Toneys sowles, all my children sowles, and for my brother Simon and William Watson sawles. To the churches of Vppingham, Bisbrok, Seyton, Thorp by the Water, Calcot, and Stok, every of them vjs. viij*d*.

To Henry Watson, my soon, at Newested, xx*l*., and will that he haue no moer of my guddes and landes. To Edward my soon *cl*. To Kenelme my soon *cl*. To Barbara, Mary, Brigyt, and Susan my dowghters *cl*. each. To the child in my wives belly *cl*. Besides that I bequeth to Edward my soon my basen and ewer off silver, my best chayn of gold, my best bed of down, with best coueryng, best fustians, ij best shaving clothes, myn iern bond cofer at London, my bag with sylver ringes, my sperver of sylk, my signet of gold, and j of my best gownnes, [etc.]. To Kenelm my soon my greet standing cup with couer gylt at London, my joyned table of waynscot, my best iren bond chest at Lidington, [etc.]. To my gude wiff, Em Watson, *cl*., and all my corn, my mylche bestes, all cart, plows and cart horses, all my wood in the parsonage and all my howshold stuff, [etc.], and my leaces off Brok close and the parsonage of Lidington. And I will that all my other plate be deuyded evenly bitwixt my wiff and Edward and Kenelme my sonys. I will that Edward my soon haue my leaces of the parsonage of Gidding and of the close at Baggrave ; and Kenelme my soon my leace of the parsonage off Multon ; and Edward the leace of Tatersall landes in Lutton ; and John Wynterbourn the leace off the parsonage of Stonysby ; John Panter the leace of the lordship of Lindon. And if enny of my children departe owt off this wourdle bifour they haue receyved their said bequestes

into their awen kepinges, then I will the on halff off their said bequestes of moveables be deuyled emonges myn other children then lyving, the thyrd parte ther of I will my wiff haue, and the iiij<sup>th</sup> parte therof to be disposed in gude warkes for the sowles above written. And if enny of my children [*folio* 34] entre into religion, I will the on halff off all moveables bequethed to them be deuyled emonges myn other children the third part theroff to the hows they shall so entre into religion in and the iiij<sup>th</sup> to be disposed as biforsaid for the sowles bifour rehersed. I will that myn executoures owt of suche rentes as I have apoynted and willed them to receyve pay yerely to John Winterbourn xls., to John Panter xxvjs. viij*d.*, to Brian Barker xxvjs. viij*d.*, to John Fowler xxs., and to Thomas Webster xls., my seruauntes during the space of ten yeres next after my departure. To the church of Lidington all my stok of ledder and bark beyng in my tan hows, and also the use off all my said tan hows so long as the same stok shall contynewe in yt. And I will that with the rentes theroff be found a preist to pray for my sawll and the sowles above wrytten, and to teche poer mens children, having yerely for his stipend vij*l.*; that preist to be put in and owt alway at my wifes pleasur during hir liff; and afterward by myn heires and the viccar and churchwardons off Lidington; so that myn heires be alway of counsaill theroff. And the overplus off the yerely rentes off that tan hows, the preist found, the stok mayntened, and reparacions made, I wilbe disposed yerely in mending highe ways and other gud warkes about Lidington for the sowles above written, as my wiff in hir liff and afterward myn heires shall think best. And this to contynewe so long as enny parte of the said stok will endure. And when the prest can no longer be found, nether of the rentes nor of the stok, then I will the tan yard retourn and go with my fre hold therunto next adioyning, for owt of that I tok yt. And the copi holdes to be sold and disposed for the sawles above wrytten by thadvise of my wif and heires.

I will that every of my sonys have ij of my best bows and all my shaftes, and the residew of my bows to be deuyled emonges my servauntes. To my brother in lawe, Henry Sapcot, my chamlet cott, oon of my gownnes furred with foynes, oon of my best voisions; and to every of his children vjs. viij*d.* My wife to have the custody and guyding of my children and all their gudes and landys so long as she lyveth sole; and if she will mary ageyn, or will not kepe their bequestes, then I will that other myn executoures deliuer all my children bequestes of guddys into substanciall religiousse howses or colledges by wrytinges mad by lerned counsell ther to be savely kept till they come to full ages; and myne other executors to have the guydinge of my childer and ther landes to the cume to lawfull age of xxj yeres.

I will that all my evidences and a true copy of this my testament be put into a suer cofer under ij or iij kays, and set into Fodringay Collidge or some other suer place, their to be kept till my children come to full age, and then iche of them to haue the evidences of the landes willed unto them, and every of them a copi of this my last will. I mak myn executoures my wiff Em Watson, my cosyn Mylis Parkyn' of London, Henri Sapcot and sir Laurance Hodgeson vicar of Lidington; and Mr Doctour Raynes and Thomas Waldram gent. to be supervisoures; and to every of myn executoures taken upon them thexecucion of my will

I gyve xxl. for their laboures and their costes, and eyther of my super-visoures for their costes xls., [etc.]. [*folio* 35] I will that my wif Em Watson haue all my maners, landes and tenements in Muche Gidding and Lutton in Huntingdon and Northampton shires; and all my maner, landes and tenements, in Garthorp in Leic'shier; and all my landes and tenements in Lidington, Seyton, and Thorp in the countie of Rutland, both frehold and copi hold, for terme of hir lif; so that she hold hyr therwith contented without enny further clayme to enny other parte of my landes, either be title of inioyntour and dowrye. I will that myn executoures shall receyve the rentes of all my maners, landes and tenements in Bloneham parishe, Rothersthorp, Rokingham, and Dingley; and of all my landes in Buckland whiche I bowght of Mr Dormer, called the Horn, towards the perfourmance of my will vnto suche tyme as my childre and other to whom the said landes be willed be of full age of xxj yeres; and lykwise my executoures to have the revenues to the same use of all suche landes as I have willed to my wiff in case she departe bifour my said children and other to whome the same landes awght by this my will to discend be of their full ages. And in case myn executoures receyve enny moer then will perfourme my testament, I will they dispose yt for the helth of my sawll in charitable warkes.

I will that Edward Watson, my soon, when he cummys to lawfull age haue the lordship off Buckland that I bought of my lord of Rutland, and the maner of Knypton that I bought of M<sup>r</sup> Stonysby, and after deth of his mother and my will perfourmed, all my maners, landes and ten'tes in Lutton, Muche Gidding, Garthropp, Rokingham, Dingley, and Rothersthorp, to hym and the heires of his body for euer; [remainder] to Kenelme my soon and to the heires of his body; [remainder] to Em Watson, my wif, for terme of hir liff; [remainder] to the child now that she goth with, if he be a boy, and to his heirs of his body; els to my dowghters and the heires of their bodies; and for defaute of suche issue, the remayndour of my landes in Buckland to my cosyn Mylis Parkyns in London and his heires in ffee; and the remayndour off my maners and landes in Muche Gidding and Lutton to my cosyn Richard Brian and his heires in fee; and the remayndour off all my maner and landes in Garthorp to my cosyn William Brian and his heires for ever in fee; and the remayndor of all my landes in Rokingham to John Wynterbourn and Thomas Webster, my clarkes, for terme of their lyves and after to be sold and disposed for my soull; and the remayndour of my landes in Dingley to John Panter for terme of his lyff, and after to be sold and disposed for me and the sawles above written; and the remayndour off all my landes in Roderthorp to Brian Barker, my seruunte, for terme of his lyff, and after to be lykwise sold and disposed; and the remayndour of my landes in Knypton to my brother in lawe, Henry Sappcottes, to the intent he shall ther with found a chauntre in the churche of Lidington for my sowll perpetually to endure. I will that my soon, Kenelme Watson, when he cummys to lawfull age of xxj yeres, haue all my maners, [etc.], in Bollebrykill, Calcot, and Lytle Walton, and the maner off Mantels and, after my will be fulfilled, all my landes in the parishe of Bloneham, [*folio* 36] to hym and to the heires of his body; the remayndour to Edward Watson, my son, and to the heires of his body; the remayndour to the child in my wiffes belly, if yt be a boy, and theires of his body; the remayndour of the maner of Mantels to



the colledge of Brasen Nose in Oxford for ever, so that ouer and besides ther former noubre of fellows ther be euermore oon prest fellowe secular of Yorkshire bourn to pray for my sawlle and the sawlles above wrytten. And for defaute of issue of all my said sonys, I will the lordship off Bollebrykhill and all my landes in Calcot and Walton and in Silso be sold, and with the money therof a chauntre perpetuall to be founden in Lidington church, and the residewe of the money therof cummyng to be disposed for the sawles above written and in defaute of issue of my said sonys, I will that the prior and convent of Newested super Ancolme haue all my landes in Bloneham, and they for the same to say daily a masse for all the sawles bifour rehersed. And after the deth of my . . . <sup>1</sup> and Thorp frehold . . . <sup>1</sup> son and to the heires of his . . . <sup>1</sup>; and for defaute of suche issue to Edward my soon and his heires of hys body; and for defaute of suche issue to . . . <sup>1</sup> And if the child in my wyves body be not a boy or doo not lyve, then I will that after the deth of my wyff John Wynterbourn have my hows and yard land in Thorp, John Panter my hows and yard land in Lidington called Colstons, Brian Barker my hows and yard land that I bowght of Jerves, Thomas Webster my hows that Parr dwellith in, and John Fowler my cotage that Ete dwelleth in for ever.

[Folio 36a].

Memorandum. 10 October, 22 Henry VIII, A.D. 1530. I Edward Watson addinge to my testament this scedall annexed, will that all such landys lyinge in the town and feldys of Knypton with there commodities, as I lately severally purchesyed of John Blake of Knypton, gent., and Thomas Wodford, gent., after my deth that Edward my son when he cummys to his age of xxj yeres shall haue to hym and to his heres of his body; [remainder] in like forme as I haue before bequethed the maner of Knypton. I will that myn executors shall take the proufyttes and issues of all my maners, landes, [etc.], unto the tyme appoynted by this my will that my said sonnes shall haue my said landys and w<sup>t</sup> the issues to pay my dettes and legacies and to performe this my will to this scedall annexed. They beyng witnessse, sir Laurenc Hogeson, vicar of Lidington; Henry Sapcott; George Swillington, gent'; William Smyth of Thorp Langton; John Wynterbourne; and Thomas Webster.

Proved with the codicil, 20 October, 1530, by the oath of Henry Sapcott and Miles Parkyn personally, and by the relict and sir Laurence Hogeson, clerk, in the person of John Wright, literate, their proctor. Administration granted, etc.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GRAVE [OF COWBIT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 195d.]

18 July, 1530. I William Grave of Cowbyt within the parysh of Spaldyng orden and make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of the privelege church off Cowbyt. To the high alter of Cowbyt vjd. To Cowbyt church xijd. To the parysh church of Spaldyng vjd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiijd. To the pore chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ijd. I wyll Catheryne my wyff have a pece of grounde that I bough of John Wryght lying in Stonegate to

<sup>1</sup> A piece in the middle of folio 36 has perished.



her and her heyr [*sic*] assignes. I will Simon Grave, my brother have [my] keyndall cote. To Robert Lyke. To Alice my syster iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. I will that a prest syng for my soule, my father soule, my mother soule, and all crysten soulys in Cowbyt church the space of on quater of a yere. Resydwe off goodes to the dysposicion of Catheryne my wyff, wich I make my executrix, and Simon Grave, my brother, to be oversear. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Sheryff ; Robert Ringholde ; and George Alanson.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HAWBURGH [OF CROFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 203d.]

18 July, 1530. I John Hawborough of Crofte makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of All Haloys of Crofte. To our Lady of Lincoln viij<sup>d</sup>. To her warkes xij<sup>d</sup>. To the high alter in Crofte for tithys forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. [*folio* 204] To the church for my buryall vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To the thre gyldes xij<sup>d</sup>. To the church warkes xij<sup>d</sup>. To the bellys xij<sup>d</sup>. To the iiij orders of frerys in Boston ijs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To William Johnson of Waynflet on chyste bun with yren in the chamber. To John Cokson on cheyst in the house. To William Croxston. To every on of my godchylder xij<sup>d</sup>. To Alice Whytyng, my goddaughter. To Jenet Croxston, my daughter. To William Hawborough. I will that on prest do syng for my soule on halffe yere ; and yff it may be borne off my goodes, I wyll that it shall be a hole yere. I will that Margaret my daughter and wyff of the sayd William Johnson of Waynflet, and Alice my daughter and wyff of the sayd John Cokson of Burgh, have all my housys and landes lying in Burgh and Sutton, and it to be devydyd in too partes by the sight of William Stevenson after the manar and custome of the lordschyp that it holdys uppon. To the churche of Sutton to the fyndyng of on lampe afore our Lady iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>., upon thys condicion, that it remayn in the churchwardens handes so long as the said money doth indure, and they to se it founde. To on obbyt in the churche of Crofte ijs., and it to be spent in thys forme, that is to say, to the curat for messe and dirige vd., for the beade rolle iiij<sup>d</sup>., to the clerke ij<sup>d</sup>., to the sepulcre light iiij<sup>d</sup>., to the bellys iiij<sup>d</sup>., to the ryngers in brede and ale iiij<sup>d</sup>., and in waxe jd., yerly for the xij yeres next foloyng ; and it to be takyn of my lande wich before I have bequethyd to my ij daughters Alice and Margaret. The reste of all my housholde stuff I gyff to Agnes my wyff. The resydewe of my goodes [*folio* 204d.] to the dysposicion of the forsayd William Johnson and John Cokson, whome I make my executors, they to dispose them for my soule and all crysten soulys. To Wylliam Stevenson the elder xs. to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Rysyll, curat ; Richerd Hubbard ; William Croxston ; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 27 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM TORNEY [OF KINGERBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 222.]

19 July, 1530. I William Torney of Kynyerby makes my will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Kynyerby. To the hy

alter for tithys forgotten *xxd.* To our Lady alter of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the *iiij* orders of frerys in Lincoln *xvj.* The resydewe of my goodes to be devydyd in thre partes, on parte to my chyldren an other parte to Helene my wyff, and the thyrede to myselfe. To Thomas my sone and Jenet and Secyll my doughters. Helene my wyff and Thomas my sone I make my executors for to dispose my parte for the well off my soule as they thynke best. Wytnes heroff, sir William Doughtye, vicar ; Thomas Wylson ; Robert Robson ; John Wellys ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 12 October, 1530.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM MALTEBY OF BOSTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 180d.]

20 July, 1530. I William Maltby of Boston makes my wyl and last testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Botulphe of Boston. To the high alter *xij.* To our Lady of Lincoln *vj.* To our Lady warkes *vj.* To saynt Catheryne at Lincoln *ij.* To the vij martyrs gylde in Boston *vj.* To the whyte frerys in Boston *vij.* To the gray frerys in Boston *vj.* To Richard Bowster my warkday dooblyt and my grene jaket. Resydewe of my goodes to Colette my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Thomas Cersy ; Thomas Marre ; Peter Herryson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 11 August, 1530.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BROWNE [OF HORBLING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 256.]

20 July, 1530. I John Browne of Horblyng, seke of body, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Horblyng. To my mortuary accordyng to the acte and custome that now is. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *vj.* To our Lady alter of Lincoln in oblacion *vj.* To the pore chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns with owt the barre at Lincoln *vj.* To the hygh alter of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Horblyng for tithys forgottyn *xij.* To m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempyngham *iijs.* *iiij.* to be prayd for ; and to the canons of Sempyngham *iijs.* *iiij.* ; and to the nonnys off Sempyngham *iijs.* *iiij.* To John Browne, my sonne, a draught of habyll beasse, [etc.] and *iiij.* *vjs.* *vij.*, also my house withall my lande that I bought after the decease of Marion my wyff ; and the sayd John to kepe for the house and lande for euermore or cause to be kept on yerly obbyt for my soule and all crysten soulys, and to gyff yerly to the vicar of Horblyng for hys dewtys *xij.*, and to dispose emong pore people after as hys power may performe. To Xp<sup>o</sup>for my sone too kye, *iiij.* *vjs.* *vij.* To William Dayllys. To Maryon Dayllys. To everychon of my doughter chylder on lamme hogge. I will on habyll prest do syng for my soule and all my good frendes soulys for the space of on quarter of on yere. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Marion my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for the well of my soule. Wytnes herof, sir Richard Baynton, the vicar ; Herry Atwyk ; William Somerbye ; and Robert Sygraff of Horblyng ; with moy.

Proved before P., at Sempyngham, 26 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. HOME [OF WADDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 385*d.*]

23 July, 1530. I William Home of the parysh of Wadyngton makes my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Waddington. To the altare of the same churche for my tithys negligently forgottyn viij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To Beatrix my wyff my house that I dwell in with the appurtenaunces therto the terme of her lyff; [remainder] to Thomas and Robert my sonnys betwyxte them. The reste of my goodes to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for my soule. Wytnes Thomas Brone; John Fowes, etc.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 March, 1532-3.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD DOBLEDAY [OF NORMANTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 258*d.*]

25 July, 1530. I Richerd Dobleday makes my testament and my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes off Normanton. To the high alter xij*d.* To Normanton churche iijs. iiij*d.* and a quarter malte. To the churches of Carleton, s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Sudbroke, Ancastr', Hough, and Cathorp xij*d.* apiece. To the gylde of Cathorp xij*d.* To the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln every on of them xij*d.* To the frerys of Newark a quarter of malte. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d.* To the frerys of Grantham xij*d.* To my godchylde. To John Pechyll chylde. To Johanne my syster. To Thomas my sonne. To the frerys of Boston a trentall of messys at *Scala celi*. I will that my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, on to my selffe, another to my wyff, and the thyrde to my chylde. I will that Agnes my wyff and William my sonne be my executors for to dispose for the helthe of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Edward Rodes; William Roke; Richard Roke; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Cathorp, 28 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN JAKSON [OF FRIESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 201.]

25 July, 1530. I John Jakson of Freston makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryid in the church yerd of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Freston. I bequeth for tithys and oblacions forgotten iiij*d.* To the church warkes of Freston iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln v*d.* To the ornamentes off the high alter in Freston church iiij*d.* To our Lady alter in the abbay church<sup>1</sup> ij*d.* To Thomas my sonne. Resydw off goodes to Helene my wyff, whome I orden my executrix. Thes wytnes, William Bowdy; Peter Clay; John Cokson; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 12 August, 1530.

## [THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BETTE OF ALKBOROUGH].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 280.]

26 July, 1530. I Robert Bette of Aucharowe, seke of body, holl

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. the mother church of Croyland, of which abbey Frieston was cell.



of mynd, and goode of remembrans, makes thys my laste wyll and testymente in forme foloyng ; fyrst I beqwyethe my sawll to Gode allmyghtey, and to hys mother ower Lady Sanct Mary, and to all the holy compyny of hevyn ; and my body to be beryd within the paryssh chyrche of Sanct John the Bapteste of Auchbarow. For a trentyll of messes xs. To the hey aulter xij*d*. To ower Lady warke of Lyncowne xij*d*. To Mary my wyffe the hows that I dwell in, and a nother hows callyd Tallyor hows, wyth all that be longes to thaym, hyre lyffe ; and efter hyr dyesesse to John my sone. To Thomas my son on hows callyd Robyneson hows, and a nother callyd Westeredall hows, and a nother hows at the town hend, and a hows at Qwyttune, with all the land that longes to thamme. To George my son on hows that Henry Westeredall dwelles in, with all the land and profettes that longes to it. To Esabell my dogther the hows that Esabell Monge dwelles in, with all the land that longes to it. To Thomas Monge, my seruand, a blake qwy holl heyrd, and a yow scheype. To Alyce Waukere. To Agnes Withyson on rede qwy stryke. To Wylliam Nycolson, my scheype herd, on ewe lame. To George Clarke, my seruand. To John Bette, Lennard Bette, Dauyd Bette, and George Bette, my sonnaz, and Esabell Bett, my doyghter, to every on of thamme viij*l*. in steyd of ther chyldes parte and porson, and they to challyans no mor of no manere of goodes. Resydew of my goodes to Marye my wyffe and Thomas my son, qwom I make my executoures. I make my supervysores of my wyll, John Andersonne and Nycoles Sanfeld. Thes beyng wyttnes, syr John Bateman, preste ; Wylliam Dekyn ; John Anderson ; Nycollys Sanfeld ; with other moy.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BRYAN [OF SWYNESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 262.]

26 July, 1530. I Thomas Bryan of Swyneshed<sup>1</sup> make my testament concernyng my last will. My body to be buryed in the church of our Lady in Swyneshed. To the parson or the proctor vjs. viij*d*. To the high alter for tithys forgotten viij*d*. To every alter in the sayd church iiij*d*. To the warkman schyp of the Holy Gost in the sayd church iijs. To our Lady warke of the mother church of Lincoln viij*d*. To the fatherles chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne next Lincoln iiij*d*. To every order of frerys with in the towne of Boston ijs. iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Crystofer light and the Mayden light in the church of Swyneshed ijs. viij*d*. I will that my executors bryng me honestly to the grounde, expendyng at my buryall day, vij<sup>ty</sup> day and xxx<sup>th</sup> day, every on of them, xiijs. iiij*d*. To the prestes, clerkes, and other pore folkes in the church of Swyneshed. To Agnes my wyff iij acres of pasture grounde lying in the felde of Kyrkton Holme next sowth fen dyke, now in the tenure of Thomas Marchaunte ; other iij acres of pasture grounde lying in the same felde next the sayd fendyke, now in the tenure of Emot Marchaunt, for terme of her lyff. I wyll that aftyr my departyng Francis Bryan, my sone, haue ij acres of arable lande lying in the feldys of Kyrton Holme, next the hyll callyd Lokester Hyll ; also on acre arable lande lying in the same felde, next the lande of Hugh Ordying and Richerd Kelsey, wich

<sup>1</sup> Probably identical with Thomas Bryan of Swynflete (L.R.S. v, 56).



the sayd Hugh and Richerd hathe bothe but on acre agane the forsayd Thomas Bryan now in the tenure of Richerd Cryer. I will that Frauncys my sonne [*folio* 262*d.*] haue the thyrd parte of the lande and rente wich I Thomas Bryan, Hugh Ordying, and Richerd Kelsey deuydyth and partyth, late was the lande of Trowboke of Kyrton Holme, to the fyndyng and bryngyng up of hym in whose custody he is in. I will that Agnes my wyff haue the mansion with the halff acre of hempe lande lying under it, wich I dwell in, unto such tyme that Frauncys my sonne cum to the age of xviij yeres; and [then] I will the [premises] remane to hym, hys heyres, and hys assignes, holdyng of the chefe lord of the fee. And iff the sayd Frauncys departe or thatt he cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, I will that [all the land and rent] remane unto Agnes Bryan, my doughter [at lawful age], her heyres, and assignes, holdyng of the chefe lord of the fee; [remainder] unto Agnes my wyff [for life]; [remainder as to the] iij acres of arable lande and the vj acres of pasture ground, with the thyrd parte of the lande and rente beforesayd, to the next heyres of my blode accordyng to the last willes of my ancestres therof mayd afore tyme; [remainder as to] the mansion with the di. acre of hempe land to the use of the church grevyes and wardens of Swyneshed and ther successors duryng the space of lxxxxix<sup>th</sup> yeres, yff the lawe will suffer it; and with the proffyt theroff cumyng I will that the kyrke grevyes kepe my obbyt solemply yerly in the parysh church, expendyng theruppon yerly vjs. viij*d.*; the resydewe of the rente of the mansion to remane to [*folio* 263] the most necessaryes of the sayd church; and aftyr the forsayd terme be cum and endyd, I will the mansyon be solde by the vice and mynde of the church graves and the most discretyst men of the sayd parysh, and the mony theroff cumyng be disposyd in charytable dedys within the church and towne of Swyneshed. To Isabell Crier, my servant, a stayke calffe the best of all my calvys. To Agnes Bryan, my doughter [under xv years] to her maryage xl. The resydue of goodes I gyff vnto Agnes my wyff. The sayd Agnes, Thomas Hall, and Richerd Cony I orden executors, with the supervision of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Elyse, merchaunt of Staple, gyffyng hym for hys good counsell and helpe my blak gray horsse. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Garton, vicar ther; William Bennet; Roger Holynder; John Stokes; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM NORTON OF ESTRASEN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 177.]

1530. I William Norton of Estrasen orden and make my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas the appostell in Estrasen. To m<sup>r</sup> vicar for dyscharyng of my conscience and to pray for my soule xij*d.* To the hygh alter for tythys negligently forgotten iij*d.* To our Lady warkes off Lincoln xx*d.* I wyll that William Rawlynson, my doughter sonne, have iijl. vjs. viij*d.* the wich I had delyveryd to me by obligacion of the chylde frendes, therefore I will that Richerd Holdworth have the money in hys custody to the aforesaid William be xviij yeres olde, and then to delyver to him nother mynyshyd nor inCESSYD. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Rawlynson a yow and a lamme, and the forsayd Richerd Holdeworth to have kepyng therof to he be

xviii yerres olde. Resydewe of goodes to Jennet my wyff and Richard Holdworth, my sone, the wiche I orden executours for to dispose for my soule and for to pay my dettes as they thynk most expedyent for the helth of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes sir Xp'ofur Brumbie; John Fordyngton; Richard Clerke; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 26 July, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS LANGTON [ALIAS COCKE OF HAUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 214.]

31 July, 1530. I Thomas Langton otherways callyd Cocke, off Hawe, ordens and makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vjd. To the high alter within the sayd monastery vjd. To our Lady of Walsyngham iiijd. To the church warke of Hawe, and to the high alter ther. I will that Alice my wyff haue my house in Hawe that I do dwell in, with all landes, [etc.], to the same belongyng within the townys and felde of Hawe and Hotofte, to the terme of her lyff; [remainder] to John Langton, my sone, the elder, and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to John Langton, the yonger, and to hys heyres of hys body. To John Langton the yonger, and to Elizabeth and Jenet my daughters [goods, which shall] be in the custody of Alice my wyff unto such tyme as John, Elizabeth, and Jenet come to xxj<sup>ty</sup> yerres, or ellys be maryed. I make Alice Langton, my wyff, my executrix, she to pay my dettes and to minister the resydue of my goodes for the helthe of my soule as she shall thynke moste expedyent. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Wade, parson of Welle; Henry Phylip of Hawe; Alan Wade; William Basse of Welle; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BASSETH [OF BARROWBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 253d.]

1 August, 1530. I John Basseth of Barroby, singylman, seke the body, make my will and testament. To be buryed in the church yerde of Barroby. I will that the parson haue vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. yff it may be sparyd. To sir William Mayson, my goostly father, to pray for me iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Richerd my brother a cove, [etc.]. To every on of my godchyldren a schepe as far as my shepe will goy. I will that ther be delte at my buryall to every man, woman, and chylde alpeny brede. I wyll that my brother Robert chylder haue my parte emonges them the wiche my sayd brother bequest me in hys will; furthermore I will that the same power and trust that my brother, Thomas Raby, putt to me in gydyng of hys chylder and ther partes I do putt it to Thomas Olezgett and to sir William Mayson to se them put furthe and ther partes off ther goodes to ther proffet. The resydewe of my goodes I do gyff to the sayd sir William and Thomas to cause a prest to syng for my soule and all my good frendes soulys as long as my money will extende as my speciall trust is in them bothe. I do make the sayd sir William and Thomas to be my exec'. Thes beyng wytnes, John Jesope; sir William Mayson; Thomas Olezgett; with others.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 22 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM TYMBERLAND [OF ANCASTER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 254.]

1 August, 1530. I William Tymberland' of Ancastr', husbandman, makyth my testament. To be buryd in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Martyns of Ancastr'. To the vicar a calffe for to pray for me. To our Lady warkes off Lincoln vjd. To the churche of Ancastr' a alter clothe. To Arthure Tymberland, my sonne. To Catheryne Tymberland and Elizabeth Tymberland, my daughters. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Jenet Tymberland, my wyff, whome I make executrice, that she may dispose it for the helthe of my soule. To my foresayd wyff my lande to helpe her and my chyl dren, and to pay my dettes to the heyre be at lauffull age. Also I make supervisor Richerd Franlyng, hyr father. Wytnes herof, sir William Torry; Thomas Peychyll; Robert Habott; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 22 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GALYON [OF WELTON LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 218.]

2 August, 1530. I William Galyon of Welton next Lowthe, yoman, makes my testament. To be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Welton. I wyt to our Lady warke of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln xijd. To the high alter of the same xd. I wyt to the church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Welton a cove and vj schepe to be prayd for as it apperys more opynly in the messall. I wyt to Isabell Galyon, my doughter, viij acres barly that growys of the lorde lande in the northe felde, and a house in Welton with the purtenaunces, the wich is callyd Bramton Grene, to hyr and to [folio 218d.] hyr heyres and to her assignes, [etc.]. I wyt to Wylliam Galyon, my sonne. I wyt to Helene Galion, my doughter. I wyt to Elizabeth Bray, my moder. The resydue of all my goodes not wyt I gyff and wyt to Jenet Galyon, my wyff, whome I make executrix, and sir William Notthoke to be supervisor. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Beche, the parson; William Wytton; Thomas Skyn; John Archer; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BARROW [OF SOUTH RESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 387.]

3 August, 1530. I Richard Barrow of Sowth Reson makes will and testament. My body to be buryd in the churche yarde of s<sup>t</sup> Edith of Sowth Reson. To the hy awter of our Lady of Lincoln vjd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vjd. To the hy awter of Sowth Reson churche for forgotyn tythis viijd. To the warke of the same towne ijs. To Edward Westhorne viij yowe shepe, [etc.]. To Richard Westhorne on quarter wheyte. To Margret Jansomy best gowne, [etc.]. To Cecile Norton. I will have on trentalle of massys to be done yn the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Edith



of Sowth Reston for my sole and my wyfe sole and all crysten sowlles. The resedewe of my goodes not geven I gyff to William Heyr, wiche I make my executur that he maye dyspose yt for the helthe of my sole and all crysten sowles. Thes witnessys, sir Robart Payge, prest of the same towne ; William Eadman of the same towne ; and Gylbart Scholle of the same ; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Tertyll, 13 March, 1530-1.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS MORE [DE WOLD NEWTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 220.]

In Dei nomine Amen anno Domini m<sup>o</sup> quingen<sup>mo</sup> xxx<sup>o</sup> iij<sup>o</sup> die mensis Augusti. Ego Johannes More de Woldenewton junior compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do et lego animam meam omnipotenti Deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum de Woldenewton directe coram crucifixo. Item do et lego summo altari ecclesie predicte meum optimum equum. Item lego reparacioni naus ecclesie in scabellis xiijs. iiijd. Item lego vno sacerdoti legitime ordinato pro duobus trigintalibus celebrandis xxs. Item lego fabricie ecclesie cathedralis Lincolnie xxd. Item lego ordinibus fratrum de Grymesby viz conventui vtriusque domus xxd. Item lego beate Marie de Walsyngham viijd. Item lego ecclesie de Swynhope xijd. Item ecclesie de Thurganby viijd. Item vtrique ecclesie de Randall iiijd. Item lego ecclesie de Ashby xijd. Item ecclesie de Howerby iiijd. Item ecclesie de Beesby iiijd. Item vtrique ecclesie de Bynbroke vjd. Item lego Cristiane More sorore mee vnam vaccam. Item predicte Cristiane [folio 220d.] quatuor quarteria brasij. Item lego Willelmo More fratri meo integre omnes pannos meos et quinque quarteria brasij. Item lego Roberto More quinque quarteria brasij. Item lego Ricardo More quinque quarteria brasij. Item lego Thome More seniori quinque quarteria brasij. Item lego Thome More juniori quinque quarteria brasij. Item lego Willelmo More fratri meo xx<sup>ti</sup> oues. Item lego Johanne More nepote mee vnam vaccam. Item lego Jacobo Dowell famulo meo duas oues. Item Brianno Dikynson duas oues. Item Johanni Johnson vnam ouem. Item lego vnum trigintale celebrandum ad Scalum celi in ecclesia sancti Botulphi de Boston. Item do vnicuique presenti ad sepulturam meam vnum denarium. Residuum bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Thome Gudhand et Ricardo Kente quos ordino et facio meos executores vt ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee. Hiis testibus Anthonio Hennege rectore Willelmo Wryght Johanne Webster cum aliis. Probatum fuit apud Grymesby coram magistro Johanne Pryn etc. xj<sup>o</sup> die mensis Octobris anno Domini m<sup>o</sup> quingentesimo xxx<sup>o</sup>.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN NEWTON OF ESTRASEN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 178d.]

1530. I John Newton of Estrasyn orden and make thys my testamnt and laste will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Thomas the appostell in Estrasyn. To m<sup>r</sup> vicar of the same towne for dyscharyng of my conscience in all maner of causys and for to pray for me vjs. viiijd. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xijd. To

Tewelby churche xij*d*. To Lynwood church iiij*d*. To the church of Myddyl Rasyn in the patronage of Tupholm iiij*d*. To Drax<sup>1</sup> iiij*d*. To my chyldren Hugh, William, Legerd, Lucie, Elizabeth, Alice, and Cecile xiijs. iiij*d*. each. I will that my howse that I do dwell in wich I have by copy holde upon my Lady Sheffield shall go to Thomas my brother and my shoppe at Castre, he for to occupy them for hys own proffyt to my chyldren be at lefull age, that is for to say xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres olde, and then the house and the shoppe boyth to remane to Hugh my sonne when he comyth to that age ; and yff he decease or he cum at the lefull age then to remane to William my sonne, and so from on to a nother when they cum at lefull age duryng the lyffes of all my thre sonnys. And yff it please God to take them all or they be xx<sup>ty</sup> yere olde, I wyll that the house and schoppe shall go to Thomas my brother so long as my yeres doyth last. To Thomas my brother all thynges that longys to my schoppe, that is for to say shewys knyffes lastes and lether, [etc.] The resydewe of my goodes I gyff unto Thomas my brother for to se the bryngyng vp off my chyldren, [etc.], the wiche Thomas I make executor to dispose for my soule as he thynkes best. To the forsayd Thomas a pare of hampers, a packe saddle, and on of my horse for to cary hys ware to the markytes for hys own use and proffyt. This beryng wytnes, sir Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Brumby, prest ; Thomas Whelpdale ; William Robynson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 3 August, 1530.

#### TESTAMENT OF JAMES DALTON [OF SPALDYNG].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 249.]

8 August, 1530. I Jamys Dalton of Spaldyng makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the parysh church yerde of our Lady and s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Spaldyng. To the hygh alter of Spaldyng for tithys forgotten xxd. To the church warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the wallys of Lincoln ij*d*. To Agnes Dalton, my mother. To Robert Gylbert. To Thomas Dalton. To Helene Jelot. To Thomas Dalton my sonne, after the dethe off Agnes Dalton, my wyff, v marys, [etc.]. I will have a trentall of messys done for the helthe of my soule in s<sup>t</sup> Thomas qwere within the churche of Spaldyng. The resydewe of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Agnes Dalton, my wyff, to dispose for the helthe of my soule as she thynkes best, whome I orden executrix, and Cristofer Preston of Sybsey to be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d*. Wytnes herof, sir Robert Gee ; Robert Horslay ; John Northe ; William Browne ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

#### TESTAMENT OF SIR THOMAS DAY [VICAR OF HOUGH ON THE HILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 203.]

10 August, 1530. I Thomas Day, vicar of Hough, make thys my last will. My body to be buried in the quere of high [*sic*] before the image of our Lady. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xxd. To the church of Hough vjs. viij*d*. To the church of Westboro vjs. viij*d*. To the high

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. the church of Middle Rasen Drax.

alter ther *xxd.* To our Lady gylde of the same *iijs. iiijd.* To saynt Rumbald gylde of Hogh *vjs. viijd.* To Thomas Day, sonne of John Day, my brother, my tenement in Foston with all thappurtenaunces therto belongyng for the space of *xvij* yeres next foloyng after my decease; and after those *xvij* yeres be completyd than I wyll that the sayd Thomas Day and with hym Thomas Day, son of William my brother, shall have the sayd tenement equally betwyxte them, to them and to ther heyres and assignes. To Wylliam Day, sone of John Day, my close wyth *iiij* landes lying in Foston, and also my house in Westeboro. To sir Oliuer Day *xls.*, [etc.]. To Jenet my syster *xls.* To John Patman and to every on of hys chyl dren. To Wylliam Day of Dodyngton. To John Day, hys brother. To Oliuer hys brother. To Michell Day *xls.* and all my bokes yff he be prest; and after the dethe of hym to remayn to Westeboro chyrch. To Roger Day on amblyng fole. To Steven Day. To Alice hys syster. To William Day *ij* sonnes and hys doughter. To every of my godchylder a schepe. To the *iiij* orders of frerys to every on *xijd.* And to the frerys of Newarke. To Thomas Porter, my god sun, *vjl. xiijs. iiijd.*, and to Helene Awdlyn a dowed kowe. I will have a prest that can syng to pray for me *ij* yeres in Hogh church. To John Samson. To the monastery of Mont Grace *xls.* To Helene Becke. To Myntyng church *vjs. viijd.* To Thomas Byllesby. To my *ij* maydens. The resydewe of my goodes I will be disposed for the well off my soule by syr Stephyn Owlet, Thomas Awdlyn, and Alice Day, videw, whome I make my executors, and every of them to have for ther labors *xls.* Thes wytnes, sir Richerd Redman; John Patteman; William Walkewood; John Samson; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 24 August, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

#### TESTAMENT OF JAMES FYSHE [OF SUTTON ST JAMES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 249d.]

10 August, 1530. I Jamys Fyshe of Sutton in Holand, in the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys, makes thys my last will and testament. To be buried in the chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in the parysh aforesayd. I bequeth in the name of my pryncipall as the costome is vsyd. To the prior off Castelacre for tithys forgotten *iiijd.* To the vicar of Sutton for tithys forgotten *xxd.* To the reparacion of our mother church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the pore chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the walle *iiijd.* To the church warke of our Lady in Sutton *ijs.* To the reparacions of the stepill in s<sup>t</sup> Jamys aforesayd *xxs.* To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys gylde, s<sup>t</sup> John gylde, and to our Lady gylde every on of them *iiijd.* To every gylde besyde in the same chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys *ijd.* I will *ij* pownde wax be devydyd emong the severall lighttes in the same chapell.

Thys is the last will of me Morys [sic] Fyche forsayd annexyd to my testament wrytten the day and the yere abouesayd. To Margaret my wyff *iiij* kye, [etc.], and all my housholde stuff to be deuydyd betwyxt Margaret my wyff and my chylde indifferently. To Margaret my wyff *iiij* acres land lying at Gwyys Dowre and *iiij* acre land lying at Therstonbrech the terme of her lyff off thys condicion that Margaret my wyff shall chalens no dowre. And that John Man have Satfeldes the terme of hys yeres. And yff my wyff doy chalens her dowre or let John



Man to have Satisfeldys hys yeres, than I will John Man have the iiij acre land lying at Therstonbreghe for ever, paying to my executors xls. I gyff my chylde the iiij acre land lying at Gwyse Dowre in fee symple; and I will my executors have the iiij acres forsayd with the profyitte therof to my chylde cum to the age off xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and yff my chylde dy within the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres then I will the iiij acres be solde by the handes of my executors or ther assynges. I gyff my chylde my house with xix acres in fee symple, and yff my chylde dye within the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres then it shall be solde, and the money theroff cumyng to be disposyd in dedys of charyte in the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys save viij markes wiche I will be payd to Margaret my wyff; of the sayd money ownt of the wich house and xix acres I wit to Margaret my wyff xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. every yere the space off x yere to the fyndyng of my chylde, and yff my chylde dye within the age of x yere then the forsayd xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be no more payd. I will all my wood growyng abowt my house, and vj sylver sponys, and also vj acres lande lying in Brodegat, the landes of John Man of the est and the landes of Robert Cutte of the weste, and vj acres lande lying at Fyshe Brig, the gret sewer of the southe and the landes of Robert Joge of the northe, be solde by the handes of my executors to pay my dettes; and I will John Negell have the vj acres lande lying at Fyshe Brig. The resydew of my lands and goods to be disposyd in dedes of charyte in the chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys and in the same parysh for my soule and all my good frendes soulis. I make my executors, John Negell and Simon Fyshe, and ether of them for to have for ther labor vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. I gyff all my copy holde lande bothe of the kyng and of the prior of Spaldyng in the handes of Thomas Teryngton after the custome to the performance of my will. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Richerd Smyth; Nicholes Calloy; John Joge; Thomas Riche; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SMYTH [OF HUMBERSTONE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 318.]

10 August, 1530. I William Smyth of Humberston, makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter at Humberston; my mortuary as the law will. To the reparacion of the parysh church iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the reparacion of the mother church of Lincoln vjd. To the high alter of Humberston other vjd. To the abbay<sup>1</sup> for tithys forgottyn xijd. To the vicar for tithys forgottyn xijd. To William my sone xls. To Richerd my sonne xls. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer my sonne xls., and to my ij daughters Dorothe and Helioner, and if any of them depart within age, [etc.]. To the Augustyn frerys of Grymesby xijd. To the church of Donyngton besyde Market Staynton vjd. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Johan my wyff, whome I make executrix. Also I orden m<sup>r</sup> George Lylborne, the parson of Mavishenderby, to be supervisor. Wytnes, the vicar off Humberston; Thomas Deane of the same; Robert Grymolby; Thomas Wryght; with others.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530-1.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. of Humberstone.

## PETRUS BELTON [DE ALTHORPE].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 191.]

II August, 1530. I Peter Belton makith my will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Oswould in Althorpe in the meare alye before the rowd. To the hye alter in the sayd church towerdes the manteninge of the alter clothes xij*d*. To our blessed Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the church of Althorpe one quye with calfe. To the vpholdinge of the banck before the chapyll of s<sup>t</sup> James ijs. To the chappyll of Amcottes a quy with calfe towards fynedinge ij lightes for euermore with the profytt of the said quye. To Elsabethe Barnete one cove and a spaninge calfe. To Isabell Richerson ij kye. To Henry my sonne my ferme hold withall the landes closinge withall other profyttes therto belonginge, as dothe appeare in sertayne indentures mayd therof betwixt Thomas Waslinge esquier and on [*sic*] his wyffe of the one parte and me the said Peter of the other partye. To Agnes my daughter iiij markes of monye ouer and besyde her parte. To sir Thomas Belton, my sonne, a horse to be deliuerid to him by the superuisors. To Jane my wyffe a howse nowe in the holdinge of Alexander Thorneton, with gressinge for iij kye and winter meat for the same duringe her wydowe head. To William my sonne all my yeares exprest in one indenture of a howse nowe in the holdinge of Roger Coodd, vnder this condicon so that he nether sell nour alienate to no man but to his brother Henry, for yf he doe I geue the said howse with all the profyttes fully to the sayd Henry duringe the yeares exprest in the said indenture. A white amblinge horse to be geuen to the best vse of my sonne Harry at the sight of the superuisors of this my will. To Henry my sonne as much corne as will sow all the land perteyninge to the said farme hold and fynd the howse duringe the space of one yeare. I will that all my funerall expenses legacies bequestes debtes withall other charges and expences clerely to be [*page* 192] fulfylled and payd of all the hole goodes before any deuision be mayd and then the goodes to be deuyded in iij equall partes by the superuisors to the effect of the lawe and the custome of the country, my parte therof I geue to Henrye mye sonne, whome I make my full executor, and he to dispose the said parte for the health of my soule as shalbe thought necessary at the sight of sir William Fletcher, Edmund Belton, and Roberte Wood, whome I make superuisors. I geue to the sayd sir William a wyte foole ij yeares in adge for his paynes, and to the said Edmund and Roberte ether of them for ther paynes iijs. iiij*d*. Wittnes herof, John Pinder, curatt; sir William Fletcher; sir Roberte Dona; Thomas Harpame; Edmund Belton; with other mooe.

[*No probate act.*]

## TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HERBERD [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 263*d*.]

II August, 1530. I Robert Herberd of Pynchbek makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To every alter in the sayd church iiij*d*. To the church warke ther iijs. iiij*d*. To the chyrch warke of Lincoln viij*d*., and to the chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d*. I wyll have at my buryall day a dirige masse and to be buryed

with note of all the hole qwere. To my vij<sup>th</sup> day ijs. viij<sup>d.</sup>, and at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day ijs. iiij<sup>d.</sup> I wyll that a prest syng a quarter of on yere in Pynchbek church for my soule aud all crysten soulys, and he to have for hys labor xxvjs. viij<sup>d.</sup>, To Robert my sone when he cumys to the age of xvij yeres iijl. vjs. viij<sup>d.</sup> To the sayd Robert at the age of xvj veres. To the sayd Robert my best cocher ij pare of flaxen schettes, [etc.] to be delyueryd so sone as hys mother ys maryed to another man. I wyll that all the hyngynges of the hall and my hary ambry remane in the sayd hall to the vse of Robert my sonne. To Margery Burland a burlyng, and it to be delyueryd at may day next foloyng it then to be burnte. And yff she dy byfore may day then I will it be solde and the money to be disposyd in messe and dirige for her soule. To Robert Symson my servant, my whyte marche fole and it to sukke to mydlent. And yff he dy before mydlent, I will it be solde and the money to be disposyd in messe and dirige for hys soule. To John Wryght ij rygges and iiij buttes of barly growyng in Newlande felde next to the se. The reste off my goodes and catallys I gyff to Helene my wyff, whome I orden executrix with the supervision of John Claer and he to have for hys labor a yeryng fely.

Also I make my last wyll the [*folio* 264] same day and date above-namyd of all my landes. I surrender my house and all my copy holde lande aftyr the custom of the lordes courte and the maner of cuntry to the use and proffyt of Helene my wyff the terme of her lyff. To my wyff ij acres of frelande the terme of her lyff, and after her decease I will it remane to Robert my sone and to hys heyres of hys body, with all my copy holde lande. And yff Robert my sone dy without heyres of hys body then I will the sayd lande copy and fre be solde by my supervisor yff he then be a lyve, and yff he be not alyve, I will it be solde by the church warden and the vicar of Pynchbeke and the on half of the money to be disposyd in on honest prest to syng in the church of Pynchbek, and the other halffe to be disposyd to pore folkes within the towne of Pynchbek for my soule, my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. And yff it fortune Helene my wyff to dy before the probacion of thys my will, then I will John Clare be my sole executor. Thes wytnes, Thomas Hyll, prest ; John Wryght ; Robert Symson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SAULE [OF THEDDLETHORPE ST HELEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 214d.]

14 August, 1530. I William Saule of the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Thedythorp makes thys my last will or testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xxd. To the hygh alter in my parysh church iijs. iiij<sup>d.</sup> To the buyldyng of the steppill in my parysh church vjs. To John my John [*sic*] [*folio* 215]. To Elizabeth, Johanne, and Jane my daughters. To William Garbray. To Thomas Wyghtman. To Catheryne Wyghtman. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff onely to Jenet my wyff and John Salle, my brother, whome I orden my executors that they may well and trewly performe all the premisses for the well of my soule. Hiis testibus, Thomas Gylbe, plebano ; Richard Harnas ; Robert Bacar ; John Hordman ; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.



## [TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM COOKE [OF SWYNESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 249.]

15 August, 1530. I William Cooke of Swyneshed makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the parysh church yerde of our Lady of Swyneshed. Also to my mortuary as the law requiryth. To the high alter ther xij*d*. To euery other alter in the sayd church ij*d*. To the church warke ther iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the pupyllys and orphans in the house of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne nygh Lincoln ijs. iiij*d*. To Robert my sone too kye and xls. To Rose my doughter ij kye. To Alice my doughter ij kye. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Catheryne my wyff, whome I orden executrix that she pay my dettes and also orden and dispose as to the honor of God and the helthe of my soule. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Garton, vicar of Swyneshed; Richerd Carver of Wygtofte; and Symon Roote of the same.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT STORY [OF LUDNAY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 217.]

15 August, 1530. I Robert Story of Ludnay, husbandman, wonnyng in the parysh of Garnthorpe, do make my testament and my last wyll. My body to be buryed within the churche yerde of saynt Clement of Garnthorpe. To the place of Alvyngham for tithys and oblacions forgotten ijs. To the warke of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Clement above namyd ijs. iiij*d*. To the church of s<sup>t</sup> Peter off Connysholm ijs. iiij*d*. To the church of saynt Margaret of Wytherne ijs. To the church off [*sic*] way of Garnthorpe betwene the church and Ludnay ijs. I will have on trentall of messys to be celebrat within the parysh church where my body shall be buryed for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys. I wyll that the parysh prest shall have for makynge of my will xij*d*. I will that the gylde prestes of Garnthorp shall have to pray for the helthe of my soule ych on of them a pece viij*d*. To Margaret and to Helene the doughter [*sic*] of Roland Colynwoode of Conysholme other of them on yowe hoge. I will that all my goodes bothe moveable and unmoveable be devydyd in to ij partes, the fyrst parte I will that Jenet my wyff shall have aftyr my dethe with all the housholde stuff the wiche I had with her by maryage. I will that the secund parte be devydyd emonges my chyldren by equall porcions by the syght of the supervysors. To Jamys my sonne [*folio* 217*d*.]. I will that Edward Madyson of Conysholme and Roland Colynwood of the same and Robert Colynwood of Louthe be supervisors, and they to have a pece ijs. I make Jenet my wyff and Ynggram my sonne my lefull executors, and they to se that my body be brought to the grownde [*etc.*]. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Pormard; Edward Madyson; Roland Colynwood; Peter Phylipson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 7 October, 1530.

## TESTAMENT OF JOHN AKEY [OF ADDLETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 211.]

18 August, 1530. I John Akey makes thys my testament and will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of saynt Nicholes of

Adylthorpe. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the sacrament for forgottyn tithys xx*d*. To the reparacion of the high alter of Adylthorp iijs. iiij*d*. To the church warke of the same xs. To the bellys xij*d*. To the Trinitie alter in the church of Adylthorp iiij*d*. To our Lady alter iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> John alter iiij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Boston xvj*d*. To Alice Boston ij yowes w<sup>t</sup> ther lammys. The resydew off my goodes vnbeque-thyd my dettes payd my lagaces fullyllyd and bryngyng me to the grounde, I bequeth to Jenet my wyff, whome I do make my executrix, and Robert Boston my other executor, and he to haue for hys labor vjs. viij*d*., that they may dispose my goodes for the helthe of my soule as they thynke best by the ouersyght of Water Seyll, my ouerseer, whome I bequeth vjs. viij*d*. Thes wytnes, sir William Wylliamson, my gostly father; John Wawpyll; Robert More; w<sup>t</sup> other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

#### TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FLANE [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 210.]

20 August, 1530. I William Flane makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Fryskney. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the ornamentes of the high alter in Fryskney viij*d*. To the alter of our Lady in Fryskney churche iiij*d*. To the rode gylde vj*d*. To Corpus Xp'i alter in Fryskney churche iiij*d*. To sancte Nicholes alter in Fryskney churche iiij*d*. To the church warkes of Fryskney xij*d*. To the iiij housys of the frerys in Boston, ich house to have xij*d*. To Isabell and Margaret my daughters. The resydue of my goodes I will Jenet my wyff and Hugh Gote pay my dettes and dispose it for my father soule and my mother soule and for all crysten soullys and the sayd Hugh Gote to haue iijs. iiij*d*. for hys labor. Wytnes herof, John Waylle, chapland; John Cokke; Richerd Kygges; with other moy.

Thys is the last will of me William Flane, mayd and wrytten the day aboue namyd; that I will Jenet my wyff haue my house with the lande therto perteynyng and on pese of land called Ayr Marce the terme of her lyff and then it to retorne to my heyres. Wytnes aboue namyd.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

#### TESTAMENT OF HENRY HALL [OF HOLTON BY BECKERING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 222*d*.]

20 August, 1530. I Henry Hall of Howton in Bekeryng, seke of body, makes my last will or testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of All Haloys of Howton. To the high alter of the same for all my forgotten tithys xij*d*. To the hygh alter of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes iiij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Isabell my wyff to dispose for the helthe of my soule and to the bryngyng up of my chylder, whome I make my full executrix. Wytnes herof, sir Thomas Galas; sir Thomas Curtas; sir Richard Forboson; Richerd Jonson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 14 October, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WALGRAVE [OF HORBLING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 256d.]

20 August, 1530. I Thomas Walgrave of Horblyng makyth thys my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Horblyng. I gyff for my mortuary as the acte doth admyt by the lawe and the custome that now is. To the high alter for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the pore chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne ij*d*. To the reparacion of Horblyng church xv*d*. To on hable preste to say iij messys for me xij*d*. To my eldest sonne. To my other sonne. To my eldest daughter Johan on wytte qweye, and to Emmot my daughter on blake qweye. To Jayn on browne qweye. To Elizabeth my daughter. To the chylde that my wyff is withall. The resydewe to Helene my wyff, whome I make my executrix to kepe and to gyde my chylder to they be off age to gyde them selffe and ther goodes, and the resydewe sche to dispose as she thynkes best for the well of my soule and all crysten soullys. In wytnes herof, sir Richerd Baynton; Henry Atwyk; Richerde Palmer; with moy.

Proved before P., at Loughton, 26 September, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN YONG [OF ADDLETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 231.]

24 August, 1530. I John Yong of Ardythorpe in Ingolmelles do make my will and my testament the wich was wryttyn of s<sup>t</sup> Bartholomew day last past 1530 [*folio* 231d.]. To be buried in the churche of Ardelthorpe of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes before the goode roode, and therto I do gyff unto the same churche warke of Ardythorpe in Yngolmelles vjs. viij*d*. To the parson or hys depute for my forgottyn tythys of the same churche xij*d*. To the parson of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Yngolmelles for my forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To the church warke of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Yngolmelles vjs. viij*d*. To the high alter warke of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Ardythorpe iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the bellys of the same churche in Ardythorpe xij*d*. To the high alter warke in Yngolmelles xij*d*. To the holy relikes of Ingolmelles iiij*d*. To Hoggesthorp churche bellys xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xxd. To my brother, Henry Yong, of Chapyll s<sup>t</sup> Lenerde of the parysh of Mumby x yowes as they do rune, to hym and hys chylder. To my said brother of the same for to aray hys chylder withall xvij*l*. of the wight of wolles lokkes ready welyd and tasyd in a pooke, a nelne of lynnyng, [etc.]. To Thomas Yong, my brother, of Holand, x yowes as they do rune, a standyng bed with stapalles upon it, ij skynnyngs of wylde lether and lynnyng unto them, my jerkyn, [etc.]. To Agnes Yong, my syster. Also all other thynges that be not gyffyn I putt at my executors gydyng for the helthe of my soule and all my good frend soullys after the last mynde and will of me John Yong, and for to let all my fermying landes and tenementes and all other meyffabules vnto the best, and for to bryng me furth to the erthe aftyr my last will and that y<sup>t</sup> dothe remayn furthe anend and all other thynges fullyllyd spente and done aftyr my last wyll and [*folio* 232] mynde and performyd then as farforthe as my goodes will do performe and streche aftyr the terme days of my fermyd landes be spente and done or a fore, and yff my executors dothe please them as sone as the money may be mayd redy, for to set a preste for to pray and syng in the churche of



Ardylthorp in Ingolmelles as far as it will go for the helthe of my soule, my fader and my moder, and all my benefactors soules y<sup>t</sup> God will haue prayd for, whome her I do make my executors M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Marys, jentylman, and Robert Thore, and ether of them to haue for ther labors vjs. viij*d*. Yff so be that master Anthony Marys and Robert Thore willnot take it apon them forto occupy for me, then I do make my brother, Henry Yong, and my brother, Thomas Yong, for to be my executors in ther place or in ther rowmys her apon. Thyes men beryng wytnes, in presence sir John, chaplayn, y<sup>t</sup> mayd thys will and wrote it w<sup>t</sup> hande ; John Thorpe ; and Thomas Cokson. To Margaret Addyson. To Marion Scalflet. Item he that dothe make my grave iiij*d*. To the ryngers every on of them ij*d*. And the berers of me John Yong for to have every man of them that dothe carry me unto the churche iiij of them ij*d*.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GOODHALE [OF SCOTTLETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 224.]

30 August, 1530. I William Goodhale of Scottylthorp in the parysh of Edenham, gentilman, make my testament and to be buried where it shall please God, at the discrestion of my executors. Also for my mortuary that that the lawe dothe require. To our Lady warke of Lincoln v*d*. To the high alter off Edenham for tithynges forgotten ijs. To the high alter of Irnham xij*d*. To the high alter of Castelbitham xij*d*. To our Lady gylde of Edenham vs. To the Trinite gylde of Irnham v*d*. To the chapell of Scotilthorpe v*d*. To the reparacions of the Southebryg of Edenham xij*d*. To the sepulcer light of Edenham x*d*. To my brother Thomas. I will that my housholde stuff be equally partyd emong my chyldren by the discrestion of my executors. I will that every on of my daughters have xx*l*. to be payd at the days of ther mariages or ellys within suche space as it may be conveniently levied of suche goodes and landes as I have sett to the performance of thys my last will. And yff it fortune that any of my daughters decease before the days of ther mariages, as God defende, that then ther parte or partes do cum to the use of Cristofer my sonne if he lyff and cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres. And yff he decease before the sayd age then that the sayd money and partes be disposyd by my executors for the well of my soule, Margaret and Catheryne my wyffes, for my father soule and my mother soule, Henry Grymesby soule, and Elizabeth soule, and all crysten soulys ; prouydyd alway that my sayd daughters be orderyd as concernyng ther mariages by my executors and other of my frendes, or ellys they to have no parte of thes my bequestes. I will that a discrete preste do celebrat and serve for me, my wyffes, my fader and mother, Henry Grymesby and Elizabeth, and all crysten soulys one yere, and the sayd preste to have to hys stypend iiij*l*. xijs. iiij*d*. Also I will that a trentall be done for me at the day of my buryall yff it may be done. I wytt to the reparacions of the bellys of Edenham x*d*. I wytt to the churche of Edenham my chamlet gowne to make a cope apon yff the parysh will do the costes thereon. I will that my feoff<sup>z</sup> of my landes stande and be seasyd of and in my landes aud tenementes with all ther appurtenaunces in the townys and feldys of Edenham, Scotilthorpe, Witham, and Boleby

to the use of me the sayd William Goodhale and Anne my wyff for the terme of our lyffes naturall and the longer lyffer of us, and aftyr our deceasys to the use of my executors to the performance of my will, and then to remayne to my right heyres. And also I will that my sayd feoffes stande and be seasyd off and in all my other landes and tenementes with all ther appurtenaunces within the countie of Lincoln for the space of xiiij yeres to the use and performance of my wyll and testament, and aftyr the sayd terme of xiiij yeres to the use off my right heyres. Provyded alway that yff it please God that Cristofer my sonne lyff unto that he cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, that then the issues and proffyttes of Creton, Cownthorpe, Castelbitham, and Lytle Bitham cum and remayn vnto the use of the sayd Xp'ofer, and in the meanetyme the sayd Xp'ofer to be at the rewle and order of my executors. All the resydew of my goodes to be at the disposicion of sir John Thymolby, knyght, and Thomas Tyler, yoman, whome I make executors, [etc.]. In the presence of sir Henry Salmon, parysh preste; sir Peter Gray and sir Walter Basse, prestes; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Creton, 23 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MURRE OF BOSTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, ff. 227d-9.]

3 September, 1530. I Thomas Murre of Boston, roper, makes my testament concludyng [*folio* 228] in the same my last will. My body to be buryed in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe in Boston, with my mortuary as the costome and the law requirys. To the high alter in the sayd churche for tithys forgotten vs. To every gylde in the sayd churche of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe by whome God our Lady and all the saintes in heaven ar honoryd and worshyppyd vjd. To our Lady of Lincoln xijd. To our Lady warkes at Lincoln viijd. To the fatherles chyl dren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns at Lincoln xijd. To the iiij closters in the towne of Boston for goyng before me to the high churche and for syngyng of dirige every on of them iijs. iiijd. To Agnes my wyff all her goodes that she brought to me when I dyd marry her, no thyng to be with drawne from her that she can cownte or rekyn hyrs. To the sayd Agnes my wyff the house that I dwell in for her lyff; remaynder to Jenet Lownde in fee symple; remainder if she decease or she cum to xvij yeres, to the eldest chylde of Richard Murre of Kyrton. To the sayd Agnes my wyff the grene that I bought of John Gaton for her lyff; and then to be solde be my executor or executors of them and disposyd in warkes of charyte for my soule and all crysten soulys. To our Lady gylde in Wyberton ij garneshe of vessyll lay metyll so they kepe on yerday yerly to say dirige and messe for my soule and all crysten soulys. To the frerys Carmellyttes in Boston on garnesh of vessyll lay metyll and my best spyt. To Richerd Murre of Kyrton my best gowne, on dooblet, and on pare of hose. To every godbarne that I have lyffying viijd. To Elizabeth Carmalde, my servant, a cownter that stands in the schop, and a bed price xijjs. iiijd., bed bordes, and all such thinges as schetys, coverlydes, blankyttes, and peloy, praysyd to the sayd valoy of xijjs. iiijd.; also on garnysh of vessell lay metyll; also ij howsys in Pulvertofte lane in fe symple and an ambre, a chavelyng

dyshe, and xls. in money, [etc.]. To Jenet Lownde xls. in money [etc.]. I will ther be gyffyn to pore people at my buryall day in farthyng bred xiijs. iiij*d.*, and also as myche at my sevent day, my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day, and my fyrst yerday, sum liijs. iiij*d.* I will that the housys that standes in Buk lane, buttyng vpon the Whyte Frerys of the weste and uppon the sayd lane uppon the northe and uppon Edward Baudre of the southe and vpon the kynges high way of theest, be solde ij yeres after my decease, and the money therfore receyvyd the on halffe to be waryd in reparacions at the frerys Carmelyttes where most nede is, and the other halffe to be disposyd in mending of high ways and in other warkes of charite. To John Turner, my prentys, xs. To Robert Stubys, my servant, my tolys sufficient to lay a cabyll of iij score stone and so downe to a halter of a ob', and halffe my beame and halffe my wyghttes, and he to by the other halffe by the syght of my nyghbors, and xls. in money. To the bedmen of our Lady gylde in Boston xiiij*d.* in the weke a yere lastyng after my decease wekely to be payd. To the gylde of the vij Martyrs in Boston vij*d.* I will have a prest to syng for my soule and all crysten soulys the space of a yere, gyffyn to hym vi. vjs. viij*d.* to hys wagys. And the sayd money to be in the kepyng of sir Richard Cooke, prest, he to pay the prest quarterly as hys quarter cumys. I will be mayd a brother in Corpus Xp'i gylde after my beryall day in payng my dewtes as the custome of the gylde is, I gyff my iij housys and my lyttyll grene callyd my layng place to the alderman, chamberlanes, and cobrether of Corpus Xp'i gylde for the terme of iiij score yeres and xij and for ever iff it may be sufferyd by the lawe, beryng suche a obbyt for my soule and all crysten soulys as the sayd alderman and cobrether and my executors may a gre uppon. And yff it can not be mayd sure within the sayd terme, then the sayd alderman and cobrether [*folio* 229] to sell it and dispose it in warkes of charite for my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff and wytt to Agnes my wyffe and Richerd Murre of Kyrton, whome I make executors, by the counsell of sir Richerd Coke, prest, whome I make supervysor, [etc.]. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Cersy, parysh preste; Thomas Wryght; Gylberd Daylle; John Daylle; William Etwell; John Pollerd; John Bylton; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 20 October, 1530, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HOUSON [OF SCARTHOE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 325.]

4 September, 1530. I John Howsson of Scartho make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of Scartho. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.*, and to the high alter of Scartho iiij*d.* To our Lady light of Scartho ijs. viij*d.* To the rode of Scartho xij*d.* To Richerd Houson, my sone, xls. To Jenet my eldest daughter. To Jenet my yongest daughter. To Johan my daughter. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff and to Thomas my sonne, whome I make executors. Wytnes heroff, sir John Fysher, parson; Edwarde Howson; Nicholes Bell; John Kyddyngton.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 15 March, 1530-1. Administration was granted to Thomas Howson, the executor, Margaret the relict and executrix being prevented by death.



## THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE TWELLYS [OF BURTON PEDWARDINE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 258.]

4 September, 1530. I Alice Twellys of Burton Pedwardyne make my testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of the holy apostell s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Burton, and my mortuary as the law dothe assigne. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the sacrament in the sayd church of Burton for tithys forgotten xij*d*. To Catheryne Bell. To Johan my doughter my best kyrtyll, a smoke and a napurne. To Margery my doughter. To Agnes Twellys. To ychon of the chyldren of Richerd Twellys, my sonne. To ychon of the chyldren of William Gyldyn. To ichon of the chyldren of the sayd Johanne my doughter. The reste off all my goodes I put to the disposicion of Robert Twellys, my sonne, whome I make executor, to bryng me honestly furth, to kepe my vij<sup>th</sup> day, my moneth day, and my yere day, and to pay my dettes, my rentes, and my legacies. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Jenkynson, vicar of Burton; Richerde Twellys; William Gyldyn; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 27 September, 1530. Administration was granted to the executor.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM COOKE [OF DRY DODDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 257*d*.]

5 September, 1530. I William Cooke of Dodyngton of the parysh of Westburgh make thys my laste will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of the south parte of the parysh church of Westburgh. To the high alter in offeryng iijs. iiij*d*. To the reparacions of the churche of Westburgh vjs. viij*d*. To the vicar of Westburgh iijs. iiij*d*. To Dodington chapill iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xxd. To the observantes of Newark halffe a quarter of malte. To our Lady frerys of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the Augustyne frerys of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Jenet my syster a cowe. To William Johnson and hys wyff xvjd. To sir Thomas Harmestrong xvjd. To sir Robert Alcoke xij*d*. To Stephyn Cooke vjs. viij*d*. To John Cooke. To Richerd Cooke. To John Thomson iiij*s*. To Dodyngton brygges ijs. To the churches of Clapole and Hough, Benyngton, Hougham, Stubton, to every of them iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys gylde of Dodyngton, saynt Catheryne gylde, and the Plough gylde, to every of them a stryke malte. I orden my wyff to be my executrix. I make sir Stephyn Cooke and John Thomson supervisors. Thes beyng wytnes, Roger Kyghley; Stephyn Cooke; Richard Aleyn; John Thomson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 27 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT MEDLEY [OF BRIGSLEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 267.]

5 September, 1530. I Robert Medlay of Bryggeslay makyth my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Bryggeslay. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high alter of Bryggeslay for tentes not remembryd xij*d*. To our Lady warke

of Lincoln viij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt I gyff and wyt to Mawde my wyff whome I make my executrix to dispose for the well off my soule as she shall make answer before the high juge of heven. Thes wytnes sir William Bull, parson of the same church.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 10 November, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ED' ALAYN [OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 317*d*.]

9 September, 1530. I Edmund Alayn makyth my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Leonerde of Southormesby. To the holy sacrament iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln apare of geate beedes w<sup>t</sup> a sylver ryng and xij*d*. of money. To s<sup>t</sup> Anne of Ormesby to fyndyng of a lyght vjs. viij*d*. I will vjs. viij*d*. be gyffyn to pore folke of Kettesby, Wawmgare, Ormesby, Brynkyll. To John Sylle of Ormesby one cote wich hys servant ware, and a dooblyt the body of worstyd and the slevys of chamlet. To hys wyff iijs. viij*d*. wich John Syll owyth vnto me. To William Yerland wyff my best gowne but on. To Anne Croke ij candylstykes, [etc.]. To sir John Cooke xij*d*. To the clerke iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> William Skypwyth the yonger my supervisor vjs. viij*d*. To my too executores to eyther of them vjs. viij*d*., John Thewe and Robert Elwode. The resydew of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff to my sone, John Alayn, and yff anny thyng shall happyn him, I will that a prest shall syng for me and for all those that I am bounden to pray for so long as it will last at the myndes of my executors. Thes wytnes, John Gybson; William Kyrkby; w<sup>t</sup> other.

Proved at Kettesby, 11 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KYRKEBY [OF CAYTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 260.]

12 September, 1530. I Thomas Kyrkby of Cathorp make and orden thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the parysh church of saynt Vincent in Cathorpe. To the high alter of Cathorpe for my tithys with holden or forgotten xx*d*. To our mother church of Lincoln ijs. To Isabell my wyff. To Thomas, Richard, and Beteres Day. To every on off William Haleday chylder. To every on of Richerde Halyday chylder. To every on of William Kente chylder. To every on of John Thomson chylder. To every on of my godchylder. To the comunalte of Rawceby iijs. iiij*d*. To the church of Normanton iijs. iiij*d*. To Carleton church iijs. iiij*d*. To the church of Cathorpe xxs. To the Trinite gylde of the same towne on seame barly. To sir Rawff Parker. To Hough gylde iijs. iiij*d*. To Fulbek church iijs. iiij*d*. To Isabell my wyff my howsys in Cathorp that I have by coppy for the terme of her lyff, and then she to dispose it for the helthe of both our soulys. The resydewe of my goodes I give to Isabell my wyff and Thomas Day, whome I make my executors. I make Hugh Prest and John Thomson of Cathope to be helpers to my wyff. Thes wytnes, sir Rauff Parker; Heugh Prest; William Halyday; John Thomson; and other moy.

Proved at Cathorp, before P., 28 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. WRYGHT [OF CADNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 326d.]

12 September, 22 Henry VIII [A.D. 1530]. I Thomas Wryght of Cadney, husbandman, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the [*folio 327*] church of All Halloys in Cadney. To the high alter *iiij*d. To the sayd church warke *iij*s. *iiij*d. And to the buyldyng of Howsom chapell *vjd*. To the convent of Newsted upon Ankholme *xvj*d. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *vjd*. To Agnes my wyff Bennet house and *vij* acres of lande and medoy duryng her lyff; and after her decease, to remayn to my heyr. To William my sonne halffe a toffte in Howsom with *iiij* landes at Pule hedlandes, and those landes that somme tyme was Helene Formans, and sex landes that was callyd Hamma lande wiche is *iiij* of the one syde and thre of the other syde. To my sayd sonne *xx*s. of money to be takyn of my goodes to the buyldyng of a house. And the resydue of my landes I will that John my sonne have immediately after my decease. The resydewe of my goodes my will is that Agnes my wyff [and] John my sonne have to dispose for the well of my soule, whome I make my executors; and William Pyvell to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, John Maydynwell; Robert Northcotes; and other.

Proved before P., at Castor, 16 March, 1530-1. Administration granted to John the executor, Agnes the relict and executrix being prevented by death.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD ADDYSON [OF KILLINGHOLME].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 231d.]

15 September, 1530. I Richard Addyson of Kelyngholm, seke in body, makes and setteth my last will. I wyt my soule to God [etc.], and my body to be buryed w<sup>t</sup> in the church yerde of saint Deonyse of Kelyngholme. I wyt to the holly sacrament for tithys and offerynges forgottyn *xij*d. To our Lady of Lincoln in oblacion *viiij*d. To our Lady warke *viiij*d. I wyt to the church of s<sup>t</sup> Deonyse in Kelyngholme a quarter of whete [etc.]. I wyt to the church of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Halton *viiij*d. I wyt to do halffe a trentall of messys for the helthe of my soule vs. To m<sup>r</sup> John Bothe off Kelyngholme a browne stott of *ij* yeres olde and more. To sir Thomas Bylton my curat vs. To Jamys Addyson, my brother, my wedding gowne and my wood knyffe, and he shall gyff the sayd woode knyffe after hys departyng to Henry Addyson my sonne, and I desyre my brother Jamys to governe Henry my sonne and my wyffe will for go hym. To Thomas Gartham my dagger and a leder dooblet, and I desyre hym and hys wyffe for to governe John and Elizabeth Addyson my chyldren and my wyff please to forgo thame. To William Garthom my red orege jaket. To John Garthom a gray bastane colte stagge, [etc.]. To Henry Garthom a blake fely stag, [etc.]. To John Addyson my sone *ij* stottes, [etc.]. To Jenet Skeytter a browne qwe, [etc.]. To Agnes Jentyll a cowe wiche my wyff will gyff her. To Robert Shamond my grene jerkyng orellys my best hose. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt, my dettes payd and my funerall expenses mayd, I wytt to Agnes Addyson my wyff and to John Addyson my sonne, whome I do make my executors that they may dispose my goodes to



the pleasure of God and salvacion to my soule ; and the goodes to be equally devydyd in thre partes, on parte to my wyff, the second to John my sonne, and the thyrde parte to my other fyve chyldren equally devydyd. Wytnes of thys my last will, syr Thomas Bylton ; Thomas Garthom ; John Whyte ; and William Garthom ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 10 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD COTTYNHAM [OF BONBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 219.]

15 September, 1530. I Edward Cottyngham of Bonby makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Bonby. I wyt to the high alter of saynt Androy of Bonby xij*d*. To our Lady of the northe hyle iiij*d*. I wyt to the high alter of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*., and to the warke of the same churche xij*d*. I witt to saynt Savior of Newburgh iiij*d*. I wyt to Madyn Rathbot ij*d*. I wyt to dame Malde good qwene ij*d*. I wyt to s<sup>t</sup> John of Wyngall ij*d*. I wytt to the Holy Crosse of Barton j*d*. and to the goode roode ther j*d*. I wyt to s<sup>t</sup> Michel of Burnhome ij*d*. I wyt to a prest for v messys xx*d*. I wyll that vij*d*. be gyffyn to lame folkes and to pore folkys. To Thomas Cottyngham, Agnes Cottyngham, Margaret Cottyngham, and Agnes my syster, every on of them a yow. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Seyrby a lamme. I wytt to Elizabeth my syster xij*d*. To Alice my syster xij*d*. To Margaret my syster xij*d*. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to John Cottyngham my broder, and that he dispose it for the well of my soule. Wytnes herof, sir John Hygdon, vicar ther ; Vincent Dane ; Robert Johnson ; w<sup>t</sup> many moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 10 October, 1530.

TESTAMENT OF JOHN HOMMYLTON [OF SIXHILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 327*d*.]

15 September, 1530. I John Hommylton of Syxhill, husbandman, of a hole mynde savyng seke of body, makes my testament. To be buryd in the churchyerde of All Halloys of Syxhill. To the holy sacrament in the same church for my tithys and oblacions forgottyn xij*d*. To the reparacions of the bellys in the same churche xij*d*. To the reparacions of the northe hyle in the same church a stagge, and of the price of hym must be payd to the forsayd warke vs. To our Lady gylde in the same churche a wheder schepe. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Northwyllyngham church iiij*d*. To our Lady frerys of Lincoln for sayng of a trentall for me and my wyff xs. To the Augustyn frerys of Grymesby for sayng of a nother trentall for me and my wyff xs. To the systers of Syxhill abbay a yow schepe. To Anthony Hommylton my sonne and to Robert hys brother and to Thomas Hommylton my brother a fely wich John Grene will gyff hym. To Richerd Grene and to Jenet Grene hys syster. To Jamys Beche chylder of Estbarkworth. To Jenet Esotson my syster in law. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Grene of Syxhill, my brother in lawe, the wich I orden executor. Thes beyng wytnes, Robert Jakson, vicar of the same ; Richerd Sutton and Richerd Bleysby of the same ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasyn, 17 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SHEPERDE [OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 230.]

16 September, 1530. I John Sheperde the elder of Benyngton makes my testament and last will. To be buryed in the kyrke of Bennyngton with that thyng that the law requiryth to be my mortuary. To the sacrament *iiijd.* To the reparacion of All Halloys *iiijd.* To the high alter *iiijd.* To every other alter besyde *iiijd.* To our Lady of Lincoln for offeryng *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne *ijd.* To the farmer for forgottyn tithys *vjd.* To Richerd my sonne my mylne and my qwernys to remane in my house. To Agnes my daughter on qwy burnyng, [etc.]. To John my sonne. [*folio 230d.*] To Thomas my sone on qwy burnyng and on red bald colte stag. To John Felde, my godsun. To Catheryne Felde. I bequeth on bushyll barly to be gyffyn in bred on Good Fryday in almys to pore folke by the space of *xx<sup>ty</sup>* yeres after my decease with halffe a quarter malte to be gyffyn of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas day before Crystenmes by the space of *xx<sup>ty</sup>* yeres aftyr my decease. To the kyrke warke of Bennyngton *iij s. iiijd.* I will have on trentall to be sung in the kyrke of Bennyngton for my soule and my wyff soule, payng therfore *xs.* To Margaret my daughter. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff them to Elizabeth my wyff and Richerd my sonne, whome I make my executors, with m<sup>r</sup> John Fryskney to be supervisor herof, he for to have for hys labor *iij s. iiijd.* Thyres wytnes, sir Roger Pyshe; sir William Stedeman; syr William Roper; and John Loydon; with other.

I will that Richerd my sonne have my capitall messuage with *v* acres land that it standes upon, *iiij* acres land arrable lying betwyxt the kyrk styghtes, and on acre and di. arable lande callyd Arle lande, *iiij* acres lying in the See felde, and *ij* acres lying in Leuerton Rede meres, and halffe on acre and di. on roode lying in Benyngton ynges callyd Costed hyll, and *iiij* roode and di. lying of the sowthe syde of Costed hyll, *iiij* acres and di. pastre lying in Medylgate, and on pece pastre callyd Benacle grene, on rigge callyd Hopkyn garthe, *ij* acre lande callyd Bell lande lying at Sotgave ende, and *ij* acres in Wolffe hole lying in Leuerton ynges, in fee symple. To Richerd my sonne *iiij* acres lande lying in Gottdyke felde of thys condicion that he shall kepe and cause to be kepte on obbyt in the kyrke of Benyngton by the space of *xx<sup>ty</sup>* yeres next aftyr my decease for my soule my wyff soule and all crysten soulys, paying yerly for it *iij s. iiijd.*; and at the *xx<sup>ty</sup>* yeres ende the sayd *iiij* acres lande to remane to the sayd Richerde in fee symple. To Richerd my sone *iiij* acres arable lande callyd Watlande lying in [*folio 231*] Seldyke of thys condicion that he shall fynde John my sonne att the scole to he cum to *xxiiij<sup>ty</sup>* yeres of age, and to fynde hym all thynges necessary as met, drynke, clothe, and the sayd Richerd to gyff hym the *ij* last yeres *xxs.* by yere; yff the sayd John be not a preste at the ende of the sayd *xxiiij<sup>ty</sup>* yeres, then I wyll that he have the sayd *iiij* acres land callyd Wat lande in fee symple; yff the sayd John be a prest at the sayd *xxiiij<sup>ty</sup>* yeres ende, then I will the sayd John have on acre lande of the forsayd *iiij* acres of the southe syde and Richerd my sonne the *ij* acres of the northe syde. To John my sone on acre and di. lande lying in

Medyll gate in fee symple. To Elizabeth my wyff ij acres pastre in Sandygatt and on acre and di. at the olde mylne, ij acres and di. callyd Shalok lande, and iij acres in Gotdyke, to the terme of her lyff, and then to remane to Thomas my sone; yff Thomas my sonne dye within age then I will the sayd landes remane to Richerde and John my sones in fee simple. To Margaret my doughter iij stong lande callyd What Ryg in Seldyke in fee symple. To Agnes my doughter iij acres and di. lande lying at Gotdyke next my awne lande, at the day of her mariage, to myr heyres of her body; yff she dye wythowt heyres I will the sayd lande be devydyd betwyxte Richerd and Thomas my sonnes in fee symple. To Margaret Felde xls. To Thomas my sonne iij stong lande lying of the northe parte of my lande in Gotdyke. To Cecile the doughter of Richerd Sheperde iij stong lande nex Gotdyke brige that I bought. Wrytten the day and yere before namyd.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 20 October, 1530.

#### TESTAMENT OF JOHN CRUX [OF AUBOURN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 192.]

1530 A.D. I John Crux of Awburne, seke of body, makes this my wyll and testament. To be buryed within the churcheyerde of Awburne. To the high alter for all forgotten tithys vjd. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vjd. To the Gray frerys of Lincoln on stryke of whete. To sir George Heyvin, my curate, on calffe at the election off my wyff. To Edmund my sone. To Bryan my sone. I make Margery my wyff and Edmund my sonne full executors, and Thomas Eyrysby to be supervisor. I will that the rest of my goodes be sett in thre partes, my wyff to have on parte, my chyldren an other parte, and all that remayneth on my owne parte my will fulfyllid I will that it shall be at the custody of my wyff. This beyng wytnes, sir George Ewyn, my curat; Thomas Erysby; William Pryggeon; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 September, 1530. Administration granted to Margery the relict, reserving power to grant to Edmund the son when he shall come, etc.

#### TESTAMENT OF HENRY DEVIS [OF HARLAXTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 308.]

18 September, 1530. I Henry Devys of Harlaxton, makyth my testament and last will. To be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Harlaxton. To the high alter for forgottyn tithys viij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij<sup>d</sup>. To William Devys, my sone, on russyt cote. To Thomas Devys, my sone, on orrege cote. To Nicholes Devys, my sone, on qwy calffe. To Jenet Devys on brasse panne that hath a clowte of the syde. To Michael Gylberd, my brother, full power and auctorite to aske and receyve all suche dettes as ar owyng and dew unto me and ar wrytyn in my dette boke, the wiche dettes I gyff to my iiij chyldren, [etc.]. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Jenet Devys my wyff, whome I make executrice. Thes beyng wytnes, Michael Gylbard; John Martyn; William Portington; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, the last day of February, 1530-1, by the executrix.



## TESTAMENT OF JOHN EMME [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 210d.]

18 September, 1530. I John Emme senior makes my testament. To be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys in Fryskney. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high alter in Fryskney iiij*d*. I bequeth my house with the purtenaunce longyng therto to John my sonne. To my wyff my kytchyng the terme of her lyff, [etc.]. To Alice my doughter on gret arke, [etc.]. To Margaret my doughter. To my wyff halffe my crophe with John my sonne. To Robert Emme, my kynsman. The resydue of my goodes I will that John my sonne have them, wich I make my executor to dispose it for the wele of my soule, [etc.]. Wytnessyth sir John Geffreyson, prest; William Gotte; Robert Hobard; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. WYLSON [OF GEDNEY FEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 238.]

In Dei nomine amen xviii<sup>o</sup> vero die mensis septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx<sup>o</sup>. Ego Thomas Wylson de Gedney Fen compos mentis et sane memorie existens condo testamentum meum vnacum ultima voluntate mea in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Patri omnipotenti beate Marie ac omnibus Sanctis Corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio Sancte Trinitatis de Gedney Fen predicta. Item lego mortuario meo secundum formam et effectum cuiusdam actus nuper editi in parlamento &c. Item lego summo altari ibidem pro decimis negligenter oblitis iiij*d*. Item lego matrice ecclesie Lincolnie vj*d*. Item pupillis et orphanis domus sancte Catherine extra muros Lincolnie ij*d*. Item lego lumini sancte Trinitatis ibidem vnam libram cere et lumini beatissime Marie ibidem ij*li*. cere ac eciam lumini Spiriti ibidem ij*d*.

Thys is the last will of me Thomas Wylson mayd the day and yere abovesayd. To Lettes my wyff iij acres lande of my lorde Wentworthe fee the terme of her lyff, kepyng a styll obbyt yerly as long as she lyffyth for the soulys of Robert Wylson and Anne and Thomas Wylson and Agnes and for my soule and for my benefactors, and aftyr the decease of Lettes my wyff I will that the sayd iij acres remayn to Robert my sonne and to hys assignes, kepyng the forsayd obbyt duryng the tyme of hys naturall lyff. To Lettes my wyff vij acres lande and iij roodes wyth the buyldynges of Burghlion fee the terme of her lyff, on thys condicion that she gyff viij*d*. by the yere duryng her lyff to the kepyng of the obbyt on Trinite Monday, and aftyr the decease of Lettes my wyff I will that the lands remayn to Robert my sonne and to hys assyngnes paying the aforesayd viij*d*. yerly to the sayd obbyt as long as it shall be keptd prayng for all my good frendes soulys. To Lettes my wyff my red house with vij acres and iij roodes lande of my lordes Abbot fee the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease I will that the house and land remayn to Robert my sonne and to hys assignes, on thys condicion that the sayd Robert hys heyres or hys executors pay or do to be payd to my exec' and to my wyff exec' vj*li*. xiijs. iiij*d*. within the space of vij yeres next insewyng, that is every yere xxs. till the foresayd sum be fully

payd, and they to dispose the sayd money aftyr thys maner : to Roger Garnet, my godsun, xiijs. iiij*d.*, and yff he fortune to dy to remayn to Hellyn hys syster ; also I will that xls. be disposyd in the reparacions of the bellys and bell frame and other thynges that hath most nede abowte the bell fraym ; I will that v marke be disposyd on thegyldyng of the Trinite ; I will that xiijs. iiij*d.* be disposyd in the [*folio* 238*d.*] reparacion of Moldroue gate from the far corner of my low pastre to sowth hed. Yff Lettes my wyff fortune to marry then I will that Robert my sonne shall enter into my hed house and vij acres and iij roodes land of my lorde Abbottes fee, payng the sayd v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* after the forme aforesayd. To Thomas Wylson, my godsun my best brasse potte, and to hys heyres of hys body laufully begottyn, remainder to Agnes hys syster yff she be then lyffing, or ellys to Margaret hys syster. To Roger Garnet, my godsun, my next best brasse potte to hym and to hys heyres, remainder to Helene hys syster. I will that Lettes my wyff have all my household stuff the terme of her lyff, and she to dispose it at her deyed day emong my chyldren and ther chyldren. The resydue of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Lettes my wyff, whome I make my executrix to bryng me forthe, [etc.], with the oversyght of William Thurkyll, and he to have for hys labor xx*d.* Thes beyng wytnes, Jamys Here, preste ; Thomas Parkyn ; John Mayne ; Thomas Dygill ; and Robert Sherman ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 23 May, 1531, by the executrix.

TESTAMENT OF EDMUND HOBSON [OF SPALDING, MERCER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 263*d.*]

19 September, 1530. I Edmund Hobson of Spaldyng, marcer, make and orden thys my present testament and last will. To be buried in the parysh church of our Lady and saynt Nicholes of Spaldyng betwyxt the fonte and the west church dore as nygh the fonte as may be. To the hygh alter of the parysh church of Spaldyng for tithys [*folio* 264] forgotten xs. To the sayd high alter on alter clothe of lynnyn. I bequeth a pyx of sylver and clene gylte to bere the blessyd Sacrament in, extendyng to the valew off liijs. iiij*d.* To the high quere of the sayd parysh church ij copys off blew sattyn of Brydgys the price of bothe lvijs. iiij*d.* for the rectors of the quere, and too stools for the same use of the valew of xiijs. iiij*d.* To the Trinite gylde in the sayd church vjs. viij*d.* To our Lady gylde vjs. viij*d.* To Corpus Xp'i gylde in the sayd church xiijs. iiij*d.* To the alter of Corpus Xp'i on alter clothe of lynnyn and a corporax. To the mayntenance of the light of the same quere x*li.* wax. To the devocion of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas vjs. viij*d.*, an alter clothe of lynnyn, and to every devocion besyde in the sayd church xv*d.* To the church warke xs. To the mendyng of the northe wall of the church yerde xs. I will that my executors shall distribute and gyff for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys in funerall expenses at my buryall day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day, xv*l.* To my brother George Hobson duryng the terme of hys lyff naturall my house in Fulny with all the appurtenances to cause on obbyt yerly to be keypd in the Trinite qwere within the parysh churche of Spaldyng, extendyng to the valoy of vs., and after the dethe of my brother George I will it remayn to the forsayd Trinite

gylde church of Spaldyng dewryng the terme of lxxxj for kepyng of the sayd yerly obbyt in forme aforesayd dewryng the sayd terme, and for lak of kepyng of the sayd yerly obbyt I will that the sayd house with the purtenances remayn to the next of my blode ; and the forsayd terme of lxxxj expyryd then I will the sayd house with the purtenances remayn to the next of my blode then beyng alyff. Also I will that sir Richerd Bell shall syng for me and all my good frendes the space of on yere in Corpus Xp'i qwere, he to have for hys labor *vl. vjs. viijd.* To every order of frerys within the towne of Boston iij<sup>s</sup>. To the mendyng of the high way in the Market stede wher most nede is and ij botrys of stone at the high bryg iiij<sup>l</sup>., and the market hyll to be pavyd with the same money. I bequeth toward the mendyng of the lane of thys syde of Broughton crosse betwene thys and Pynchbek and wher most nede is xs. To my lorde of Spaldyng for syngyng of messe hym selfe on the day of my buryall a ryall of golde, and to every on of hys brethren that be prestes xij<sup>d</sup>., and every other that be not prestes viij<sup>d</sup>. and [*folio 264d.*] every clerke of the abbay iiij<sup>d</sup>. ; to the bell rynger of the abbey ijs. To the roode chyrch a super altare and on alter cloth. I will that dewryng the space of vj yeres every Sunday shall be gyffyn to eight pore persons by the handes of my executors iiij<sup>d</sup>. I will that dewryng the space of iiij yeres my executors every Good Fryday shall distrybute emong xl<sup>ty</sup> pore persons wher they shall thynke most nede xld., and ijs. in bred on All Halloy evyn dewryng the space of the forsayd iiij yeres. Also on New Yere evyn to xxiiij<sup>ty</sup> pore people wher most nede shall be dewryng the space of iij yeres ijs. To George Hobson, my brother, my house in the Market stede dewryng hys lyff, and aftyr hys decease then I will that the forsayd house shall remane to William Hobson, hys sonne, when he cumyth to xxj yeres of age. And yff it fortune that the forsayd George Hobson dye or hys sun cum to xxj yeres of age, then I will that my brother executors or assynges shall let the house and kepe the rentes theroff to the behove of the sayd William to he cum to xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres of age ; and yff it fortune that the forsayd William Hobson dye withowt a sonne of hys body, then I wyll that the forsayd house shall be solde for xx<sup>l</sup>., wich xx<sup>l</sup>. I will shall be devyded in iiij partes, that is to say, *vl.* to the next of my blode, other *vl.* to be devydyd emonges pore people, other *vl.* to the mendyng of hygh ways, xxs. to the marige of xx<sup>ty</sup> pore maydes, xls. to the mendyng of brygges in Spaldyng and the high way to Pynchbeke, and xls. to Johan and Alice Hobson syster [*sic*] to the sayd William to ther heyres executors or assignes. Also I bequeth xxxiiij<sup>l</sup>. iiij<sup>s</sup>. wich Nicholes Worldedge ought me for a bargyn of lande to be payd to me my executors or assynges yerly xvij<sup>s</sup>. the hole somme of xxxiiij<sup>l</sup>. iiij<sup>s</sup>. be fully contentyd and payd, in thys maner foloyng, I will that xvijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. of the forsayd xxxiiij<sup>l</sup>. iiij<sup>s</sup>. yerly as it shall be payd shall be takyn to pay yerly to viij pore persons every Sunday duryng the space of vj yeres as it is above wryttyn and the sex yeres paste ; I bequeth to my brother George viij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste ; to Elizabeth my brother wyff iij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste ; to William Hobson iij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste ; to John Hobson iij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste of the same ; to Alice Hobson iij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste of the same ; to William Hobson, my brother, iij<sup>l</sup>. of the reste of the same ; every on to be payd after other as they be her wrytten, and on to be always other heyres in order



as I have bequethyd it to them ; and after that all thys be payd I will iijl. of the reste of the same be gyffyn to syng vj trentallys. I bequeth [*folio 265*] my house at the Barre end to George Hobson, my brother, unto the tyme that hys doughter Alice cum to lafull age ; and then I will that she have the forsayd house with the appurtenances for her and her heyres of her body ; and yff she dye or she cum to lafull age or withowt issue of her body then I wyll that her suster Johanne have it in forme aforesayd ; and in fawte of issue of Johanne I will that it remayn to the next of my blode. I bequeth my house in Gosberkyrk and all my landes lying in Gosberkyrk, Quadryng, and Surflet to my brother George hys heyres executors or assignes. I bequeth my too housys of my copy holde with the appurtenances lying in Burne to my brother George and Elizabeth hys wyff and to hys heyres off ther bodyes lafully begotten. I bequeth too pastures lying in Spaldyng, wich I holde off my lorde of Spaldyng by byllys, to my brother George hys heyres executors and assynges for the terme of yeres that I have takyn them. To my brother George my best chest, my cownter, my best furryd gowne, my best tawny gawperdyne, my tawny dooblet and jaket jamlet, a sylver salte with the cover, on pece of sylver, v sylver sponys, on jak and sallet with a pare of splentes and a standert, [etc.], also liiijl. in money. To William Hobson, the sonne of George Hobson, my best cownter after the decease of hys father, [etc.]. To Johan Hobson, the doughter of George Hobson, a lytyll chyst with angels, [etc.]. To Alice Obson, the doughter of George Hobson a latten basyn with a laver, ij sylver sponys, [etc.] ; and I wyll that eche of thes chyldren be other heyres yff any of them dye within lafull age. [*folio 265d.*] To Elizabeth Hobson wyff of George Hobson. To Wyllyam my brother my tawney medlay gawberdyne. To my cosyn, Robert Hobson, my blak gowne furryd with whyte, my bukskyn dooblet, my best hose, and my best bonet, and vjs. viiijl. in money. To William Panke of Baston and hys wyff vjs. viiijl. To Alice Vtwell, my servant, a fether bed, a bolster, ij pylloys with ores, a whyte bed with tester, ij pare of flaxen schetys, ij beddes standyng, all the payntyd clothes that hang abowt my parlar and the hangyng at the high dease in the house wher my brother George dwellys, the shelffe bordes in my house wher I dwell with the payntyd clothys longyng thereto, a basyn and a laver and the presse in my chamber, a chaffyng dyshe, a byg candylstyck ij smale candylstykes, a small spytt, iij qwyshens next best, ij sawcers, a coveryng next best, a cownter in my brother George house, a thrawne chare, on of the tables in the kytchyn, and a forme, a joyned stole, and v markes of money, and a olde pewter basyn. To Jenet Horne, my keper, vs. I bequeth a braysen mortar with the pestell to the use of our Lady kytchyn ther to be cheynynd. The resydewe of all my goodes I committ hooly to the disposicion of my brother, George Hobson, whome with Thomas Day, chaundler, I make executors, my brother George to have for hys payn takyng iijl. besydes all that I have bequethyd hym before, and Thomas Day, my other executor, to have for hys payn takyn xxvjs. viiijl. And I make my lord prior Thomas Spaldyng supervisor, and he to have therfore a sylver goblet gylte and iij of my best qwyshens. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Robert Gee ; sir Richerd Bell ; John Beston ; George Cokrell ; Thomas Gammyll ; and William Wyllesby ; with other.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530. Administration granted to George Hobson, an executor, Thomas Day, the co-executor renouncing, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HUDDYLSTONE OF ROWSTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 369d.]

19 September, 1530. I John Huddylstone of Rowston make my testament conteyning therin my last will. To be buryed in the church yerde of Rowston. To Mawd my wyff the thyrd parte of all my goodes moveable (excepte my woole wheroff I will she shall have the vj<sup>te</sup> parte or the price therof). To every one of my fyve daughters viijl. to be delyveryd to them be my executors at ther mariages. To Emot my eldest daughter iiij markes, and all the houshold stuff wich was my fathers over [*folio* 370] and besyde her sayd legacy of viijl. And yff it fortune any of my sayd daughters to decease before ther mariages, then I will the sayd legacys be equally devydyd emong the other survyvyng. To Robert my sone all those landes wich I had of my father be inheritauce to hym and to hys heyres male of hys body lafully begottyn, remainder to Godfrey my brother and to the heyres male of hys body. I will that the sayd Robert my sonne have all my landes and copys wich I have be my own purches to hym and to the heyres of hys body, and for lak of suche issue to remayn equally to my fyve daughters and to the heyres of ther bodys; and yff any of them dy without suche issue then I will that the parte of her or them so deceasyd shall remayn to the other of them survyvyng and to the heyres of ther bodys. I will that my wyff and Robert my sone shall kepe house and my chyldren together so long as they too can agre. I will that xl. be delte emong pore people for my soule, the soulys of my father and mother, and all crysten soulys, at the day of my buryall and vij<sup>te</sup> day. To our Lady in the chapell of Rowston vjs. viijd. therwith sum ornament to be bought bi the discrecion of my executors wherby she may be the better honoryd. To the high altare of Rowston for my forgottyn tithys iijs. iiijd. To the kyrke stok ther vjs. viijd. To every pore body in the towne of Rowston a stryke of malte. To every one of my systers iijs. iiijd. To iiij townys nexte jonyng abowt the towne of Rowston every one of them iijs. iiijd. To our Lady of Lincoln iijs. iiijd. I will have a preste to syng for my soule, the soulys of my father and mother, and all crystyn soulys, in the chapell of Rowston by the space of ij yeres, and he to have for hys salary and wages vl. by the yere, to be payd be my executors. To Richerd Robsun. To every one of my brother Godfrey sonnys [*folio* 370d.]. To Robert Holme. To Edwarde Forman. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln, every place to have xvjd. and a stryke of barley. To m<sup>r</sup> Robert Husey xxs. for to be good to my wyff and to my chyldren. To the dale cawsy vjs. viijd. To Catheryne my mayd. To the nonnys of Catley xs. To the house of Hauerham xs. To Godfrey my brother. To John Holme. To William Halyday. The resydue of my goodes I gyff unto Robert my sonne and William Forman, whome I make my executors. To William Forman for hys payn takyng xxs. To my brother Godfrey xxs., and I make hym supervisor. Wytnes, sir William Warde, prest; John Dawnse; Robert Morwyk; Robert Greg; sir

Richerd Warde ; Godfrey Huddylstone ; and Walter Bate ; with other moy.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 24 November, 1531. Administration granted to Robert Huddylstone, the son, an executor, William Forman, also an executor, renouncing.

TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FLETE [OF MOULTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 261.]

20 September, 1530. I William Flete of Multon, seke of body, makes my will. To be buryed in the churchyerd of Multon. To the mother church of Lincoln *iiij* *d.*, and to the orphans at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *iiij* *d.* To the *iiij* lighttes in the church of Multon *viiij* *d.* To the high alter of Multon pro decimis oblitis *iiij* *d.* I wyll that a trentall off messys be sayd in the church of Multon for my soule and all soulys. And the resydew of my goodes I gyff to Jane Flete, my wyff, whome I make executor. And I will that Thomas Gere, my father in lawe, be the oversear. Thes to wytnes, John Symson ; William Cok ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BROWNE [OF HUMBERSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 220.]

21 September, 1530. I John Browne off Humbreston makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Humbreston forsayd. For x<sup>t</sup> forgottyn to the parson on bushell weyt, and to the vicar on bushyll whet. To my parysh churche *xij* *d.* To our lady chyrche of Lincoln *iiij* *d.* To the holy roud of Boston *iiij* *d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret at Kettesby *iiij* *d.* To Tetney chyrche *iiij* *d.* To Holton chyrch *iiij* *d.* To the abbot of Welhoo on schepe. I wyll that John Browne, my sone, and Elizabeth my daughter have the thyrd parte of my goodes moveable and vnmmoveable. The resydewe of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff to Helene my wyff, whome I make my full executrix to dispose them as she shall thynke beste and for the helthe of my soule. I orden and put in trust my father Robert Helde supervisor to se thys my last will suerly fulfyllyd. Thes recordes, sir Thomas Vnderhill, vicar ; Thomas Clerkeson ; Richerd Dykcokes ; and other.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 11 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SOMERCOTES [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 264.]

21 September, 1530. I William Somercotes of Pynchbek makes my last testament and will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter for tithys forgottyn *vj* *d.* To the church warke of Lincoln *iiij* *d.* and to s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *ij* *d.* I will have disposyd of messe and dirige at my buryall day *iijs.* *iiij* *d.* The reste of all my goodes I gyff them to Margaret my wyff whome I make executrix, with m<sup>r</sup> Ogle to be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor *iijs.* *iiij* *d.*

I make my last will in the same day and date abovenamyd. To Margaret my wyff my house by the see syde with the appurtenances, and my house in the northgate the terme off her lyff, and after her decease



the house by the see syde to remayn to Beatrice my doughter and to the heyres of her body, and the house in the northe gate to remayn to Beatrix my doughter the terme of her lyff, and after her decease I will it be solde by the churchwardens of Pynchbek, then beyng, and the on halff of the money to be disposyd in on prest to syng, and the other halffe to be disposyd in high ways and to pore folkes in the towne of Pynchbeke. I will that after the decease of Beatrice my doughter, yff she dye withowt heyres of her body, that my house by the see syde with the appurtenances remane to the thre chylder of Thomas Tylson that were my systers chyldren, and the rente of the above namyd house evenly to be devydyd to them, yff they then be all thre alyve, the terme of ther lyvys, or so long as any on of them shall lyff; and after the decease of them all thre I will the house by the see syde remane to John Pedder, the sonne of William that was my systers sonne, yff he then be a lyff, the terme of hys lyff; and after hys decease I will it be solde by the wardens of the church of Pinchbek then beyng, and the on halffe of the same money to be disposyd of prest song, and the other halffe to be disposyd in hy ways and to pore folkes in the same towne. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Hyll, prest; John Bele; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GROWARDE [OF ROPSLEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 253.]

1530. I Robert Growarde, in good helthe, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of Roppeslay. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vjd. To the hygh alter of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Roppeslay ijs. To the church of Botheby xijd. To the frerys of Grantham xijd. To William Jarcoke vjd. To iij chyldren off my wyffes. The resydewe of all my goodes I gyff to Johan Groward, my wyff, for to doy as she thynkes best for the helthe off my soule, whome I make executrix. I will that Richerd Styne of Botheby be supervisor. These witnes, sir William Jarcoke; Thomas Kellam; Robert Barnarde.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 22 September, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET HOWSON [OF SCARTHOE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 325.]

22 September, 1530. I Margaret Howsson of Scartho make my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Scartho. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vjd. To the high alter of Scartho xijd. A schete to make a alter clothe of to Scartho church the best that I have. To Richerd my sonne a complete bed, [etc.]. To Jenet my yongest doughter. To Jenet my eldest doughter. To Jane my doughter. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Thomas my sonne, wich I make my executor, y<sup>t</sup> he dispose it to the pleas' of God and to the helth of my soule. Wytnes herof, sir John Fysher, parson of Scarthoo; Richerd Jobson; Edwarde Alan; cum aliis.

Proved at Grymesby, 15 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. PAKKER [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 278d.]

22 September, 1530. I William Pakker of Boston make thys my testament therin concluding my last will. My body to [be] buried within the paryshe church of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe in Boston nyghe unto my wyffys Alyson and Isabell of whose soulys God have mercy. To my mortuary accordyng to the custome. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe for tithes forgottyn xiijs. iiijd. To our Lady church of Lincoln xxd. To the fatherles children of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns xijd. To every beadman of our Lady gylde in Boston beyng at dirige and messe on my buryall day vij<sup>th</sup> day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day, and to the keper of our Lady house, every one of them to have eche off the days a peny. To the gylde of s<sup>t</sup> George ther to pray for my soule and all crysten soulys iijs. iiijd. To the Trinite gylde to pray in lyke maner iijs. iiijd. I will that the iiij orders of frerys go with my body to the church and there syng dirige and one the morow every one of the sayd orders to syng messe in ther owne church and every order of them to have for ther labor iijs. iiijd. To John Pakker, my sonne, 30*l.* to be payd to hym hys executors or assyngnes, that is to say at the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres xl. and that day twelvemonethes xl. and at the twelvemonethes day then next foloyng other xl. To the same John too fether beddes, the secund couering, a couerlyd, half a garnysh of vessell, my too saltes with the covering, too goblyttes with the couering, also a dosen sponys of the maydens hedes too pecys, the one playne and the other pounyd. To Margaret my daughter my house that Gylbert Dale dwellys in, and she to have it immediatly aftyr my decease duryng her lyff naturall uppon thys condicion that she kepe the sayd house in sufficient reparacion, pay the owt rent, and also pay yerly unto the prior and convent of the [*folio* 279] Whyte Frerys in Boston for one obite which I will be kepte there for ever for the soulys of John Thomson, Agnes and Jenet hys wyfes, ijs. vjd., the belman and all. And aftyr the decease of the sayd Margaret I will the sayd house remayne to John Pakker, my sone, and hys heyres for ever, yff he lyff to the age of xxj yeres, kepyng the sayd obbyt aftyr the maner and forme as is aforesayd. I will that the prior of the Whyte Frerys or other to the use of the same place take possession and seure in the sayd house for the sewrty of the sayd obite (yff the law will suffer it). To the same John my sonne the house that was Lauertons aftyr the deceasse of Catheryne my wyff, to hym hys heyres and assyngnes for ever yff he lyff to the age of xxj yeres. Yff the sayd John deceasse before the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, then I will the sayd xxx<sup>ty</sup> poundes [etc.] to hym before gyvyn be equally shyftyd betwyxte Catheryne my wyffe and Dorothe and Margaret my daughters, my wyffe to have the one halffe and my daughters the other halff; and the too housys aforesayd to remayne to the performance of myne obbit, as aftyrwarde shall followe, always reservyd the obite of John Thomson and hys wyffes before rehersed. To Thomas Cappe and Dorothe hys wyff the house and lande which I bought of William Day, duryng the lyff of them and ether of them, and aftyr ther deceasse, I will they remayn to Cecily ther daughter yff she lyff aftyr them, to her heyres and assyngnes. To the sayd Thomas Cappe aftyr my deceasse the money that I lent hym. To Dorothe Cappe and Margaret her syster the gerdyll and beades that was ther mothers, and

to be equally shyftyd betwyxte them aftyr the decesse of Catheryne my wyff and yff it please my wyff to have the sayd gyrdyll and bedes, then I will she gyff ether of them xxxs., and she to have the sayd gyrdyll and beades to her owne use to do withall what she please. To the abbot of Bardeney and hys brethern xls., they to syng dirige and messe for my soule, my wyfes soules, and all crysten soulys. To George Johnson xxs. yff hys awnt will. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Catheryne my wyff, whome I orden my [*folio 279d.*] executrix upon this condicion, that she by or cause to be bought as muche lande to the valew of xxs. be yere, all maner off chargys of the same lande excepte, or ellys asmuche money as will purchase the sayd lande which lande or money I will the alderman and bretherne of the gylde of our Lady in Boston have for the terme and space of lxxxxij yeres nexte ensuyng my decesse for an obyte which I will be kepte yerly duryng the terme aforesayd to the valew of xs., which obyt I will be kepte yerly emonges the iiij orders of Frerys in Boston, and yff the alderman and brethern of the gylde aforesayd can obteyne and make sure the sayd lande by the law for ever, then I will my sayd obyte be kepte in maner and forme as is aforesayd for ever, and yf not then I will that it be solde be the alderman and brethern of the gylde for the tyme beyng and the money therof receyvvd to be disposyd emong pore people and other warkes of charite wher it shall be thought at that tyme most nede within the town of Boston, provydyd always that yff my goodes and other premisses do extend to the performance of the sayd obite, then I will my sayd executrix be nor further chargyd of that behalff but as conscience requiryth, [etc.]. I will that m<sup>r</sup> Bryggus be supervisor, and to have for hys labor xls. Thes wytnes, Geffrey Wace ; per me Willielmum Day ; per me Nicholaum Blewet.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FRAWCE [OF LOUND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 255.]

1530 A.D. I John Frawce of Lownde within the parysh of Wytham makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churchye yerde of Wytham. I gyff for my mortuary as the lawe asks. To the high alter of the parysh church of Wytham for tythe and offerynges negligently forgotten xij*d.* To the bellys of Wytham xij*d.* To the gylde of Wytham xij*d.* To the mother church of Lincoln xij*d.* To Robert Frawcye, my sonne, To Thomas Frawce, my sonne. To John Frawcy, my brother sonne. To Agnes Frawcy, my brother daughter. To Robert Frawcy, my father. To John Frawcy. The resydue of my goodes I gyff Agnes Frawce, my wyff, she to dispose them for the helthe and salvacion of my soule as she thynkes best. Thes beryng wytnes, sir John Rypley, notary ; Thomas Frawcy ; Robert Frawcy ; with other.

Proved before P., at Creton, 23 September, 1530.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ENDERBY [OF MANBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 322.]

27 September, 1530. I Robert Enderby of Manby, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of



our blessyd Lady in Manby. To the high alter in the same church iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady gylde of Manby vjs. viij*d*. for to be occupyed aftyr the forme as it is begune, and to ther gylde hall a new table. To the parysh church of Lyttyll Carleton iijs. iiij*d*. To the parysh church of Legborne iiij*d*. To the parysh church of Stewton iiij*d*. To the parysh church of Grymolby iiij*d*. To my naturall mother iij*l*. vjs. viij*d*. To Jenet my wyff xx*ty* markes. To Thomas my sonne xl., and to John my sonne xl. And yff so be the on departe thys worlde under the yeres of xv yeres, then the other to be hys heyr and executor. To every on of my godchyltren men and women xij*d*., provydyd alway yf so be that my goodes will not bere thes parcellys above rehersyd then I will that my executors mitigat of thes sommes afore rehersyd aftyr ther discrestions of Robert Hogeson and John Fodergyll, whome I make executors and ether of them to have for ther labor iijs. iiij*d*. The resydue not wyt nor gyffyn to Robert Hogeson and John Fodergyll. I will that sir Thomas Forman be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor iijs. iiij*d*. His testibus, sir Thomas Forman; Thomas Maw; Robert Redhed; William Henryson; with other moy

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 3 March, 1530-1. Administration granted to Robert Hogeson, an executor, reserving power to grant to John Fodergyll, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DAUYSON [OF EAST BARKWITH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 223*d*.]

28 September, 1530. I John Dauyson of Barkeworth makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady in Estbarkeworth. To the high alter of the monastery in Lincoln xx*d*. To the warkes off the same xx*d*. To the highe alter in the church of Estbarkeworth iijs. iiij*d*. To the church warke of the same on quarter of barly. To the iiij housys of Frerys in Lincoln, to every on viij*d*. To the church warke of Sotby vjs. viij*d*. To the church warke of All Haloys in Benyngworth vj*d*. To the church warke of s<sup>t</sup> Julyan in Benyngworth vj*d*. To sir William Beche, parson off Estbarkeworth, xijs. To John Davyson, my sonne, xiijs. iiij*d*. To William Davyson, my sonne. I will ther be on trentall done for the well of my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Johan my wyff and to John Boryth of Markyt Staynton, whome I make executors, by the counsell of sir William Beche, parson of Estbarkeworth. Thes wytnes, William Johnson, William Stonys, John Bell, of Barkeworth aforesayd.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 14 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN TYD [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 252.]

29 September, 1530. I John Tyd of Pynchbek makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of our Lady in Pynchbek. To the high alter within the church of Pynchbek iiij*d*. To every alter within the sayd church ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln for oblacions iiij*d*. To the fatherles chylder in s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ij*d*. To Elizabeth my wyff my pasture callyd Lawyns Coyt wich I toke of the abbot of Vawdy by byll for the terme of forty yere. To Catheryne,

Janet, Agnes, and Elizabeth my daughters xiijs. iiij*d.* each. I will that every on of my chylder shall receyve ther money at the age of xviiij yerres. Yff eny of them dy or they cum to xviiij yere, I will ther partes be devydyd equally emonges them that lyffes. And yff so be that they all dy, I will that the money that they sholde have had be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and my chylder soulys as my executryx thynkes most beste. The resydewe of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of Elizabeth my wyff, whome I orden executrix ; and I desyre my father and John Hyll to be supervisors, and I wyll that my father have my lytyll whyte mare for hys labor, and John Hyll for hys labor iijs. iiij*d.* Thes beyng wytnes, Wylliam Bewyk, prest ; William Bath ; William Medus ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM NUDYKE [OF WHAPLODE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 239.]

3 October, 1530. I William Nudyke of Whaplode, seke of body, make thys my last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of Whaplode. To the high altare iiij*d.* To the church warkes of Whaplode ij*d.* To every altare in the churche j*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d.*, and to the chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ij*d.* To Agnes my wyff one acre of lande lying of the west of Hasbych gate, and aftyr her decease to Margaret my daughter to her and to her heyres of her body. If Margaret my daughter decease or that she cum at lafull age, I will the sayd lande shall be solde be the vyse of the churchwardons to the behoyff of the church warkes. The resydew of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix for to bring me forthe, [etc.]. Wytnes herof, sir Thomas Seytton, capellanus ; John Thaker ; Alane Howyll ; Charlys Male ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CONNE [OF NETTLETON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 327.]

4 October, 1530. I William Conne of Netylton, makes my will. I wyt my soule to God allmyghty, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> John in Netylton. I wyt to the high alter in Netilton church iiij*d.* I wyt to s<sup>t</sup> John in Netylton church iiij*d.* I wyt to our Lady warke in Lincoln iiij*d.* The resydue of my goodes not wyt I make Elizabeth my wyff executrix, and Robert Cottyngham of Cadney supervisor. Thes men wytnes, Xp'ofer Smyth ; Robert Jonson ; John Colby.

Proved before P., at Castre, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HELDE [OF WALTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 324.]

4 October, 1530. I Robert Helde of Waltham makes my testament. My body to be buryd within the church of All Halloys of Waltham with that that is dew to the church aftyr the law. To the high alter wythin the church of Waltham for forgottyn tithys xij*d.* To the bellys in the sayd churche xij*d.* To our mother church of Lincoln vj*d.* To our

Lady warkes in the sayd church vjd. To the church of Bradley vjd. To the church of Granesby iiijd. To the church of Thoresby vjd. I wyll that ther be done within the church of Waltham a trentall of messes for the helth of my soule. The resydew of my goodes I wyll that Agnes my wyff have and occupy them for the terme of her lyff, and aftyr that I will that John Helde, my sonne, and William Campyon, my sone in lawe, have and devyde evynly. I make my executors Agnes Helde my wyff and sir John Clerke, and the sayd sir John Clarke to have for hys pane vjs. viijd. Wytnes herof, sir William Yeff; Thomas Vincent; Simond Howson; George Moryson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 15 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES BARGEYN [OF MOULTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 266.]

6 October, 1530. I Jamys Bargeyn of Molton, seke of body, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of Multon. I bequeth in the name of my mortuary that the lawe will requyre. To the high alter in Multon church for tithys forgottyn xijd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne without the wallys in Lincoln iiijd. To iij common lyghttes in Multon church every on of them ijd. To the church warke of Multon viijd. To Jane my wyff a pastre callyd Wyghttes Grene the terme of her lyff, and after her dethe I will that the forsayd pastre remayn vnto Bennyt Vpplay aftyr the custome of the lord schyp, the wich pastre afore namyd I do surrender to the handes of Robert Herbe to the behoyff of Jane my wyff. The resydewe off all my goodes to Jane my wyff, whome I make my hole executrice, [etc.]. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Xp'ofer Wryght; Robert Herbe; William Crosse; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 28 October, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GYLMAN [OF COLEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 348.]

6 October, 1530. I Robert Gylman of Colby, seke in body, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryd in the church of All Halloys of Colby before our Lady alter. To the high alter of Colby for forgottyn tithys iij. s. iiijd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiijd. To the bellys of Colby vjd. To the rode light of Colby ijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns light ijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Margarettes light jd. To our Lady light of Colby vjs. viijd. To Margery my sonne daughter. To John Goffe my servant. To Jenet my servant. I will that the resydue of my goodes be devydyd in too partes, the on parte to Jenet my wyff and the other parte to be solde and a prest to syng for my soule as far as it will extende. And as for my sonne William had hys thyrdre parte when he was maryd he was content at the making of my will. Wyth the supervision of sir Thomas Thomson and John Goffe my brother, and they to have for ther labors, to the sayd sir Thomas ijs., and my brother a quarter barly. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Thomson; John Kylham; Thomas Thorpe; Richerd Jesoppe; John Thorpe; with other moy.

Proved at Braunceton, 21 March, 1530-1, by the executors (*not named*).



## THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES SORE [OF WADDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 225.]

6 October, 1530. I Agnes Sore of the parysh of Wadyngton, vidoy, makyth my wyll. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Wadyngton. To the high alter viij*d*. To sir Thomas my brother my husband best dooblet, [etc.]. To sir Robert my gostly father xx*d*. For my husband v messys. My best kyrchyff to the church for a corparax. To Betterys Home my best kyrtyll, a grene coverlyt, [etc.]. To Margery my servand my rownd gowne, ij smokkes, too kyrchyffes, and a napurne. To Robert my brother a shod wayn, [etc.]. To Thomas Sore. To Thomas Vavesor. To Richerd Whyte wyff. To John Mylner doughter a yerde of hardyn clothe. To Elizabeth Sutton a yerde of hardyn clothe. The reste of all my goodes to my bretherne William, John, and George, whome I make my executors to dispose for my soule, my husband soule, and all crysten soullys, in the church of Wadyngton, as they shall thynke moste necessary. Wytnes, sir Robert Johnson; Robert Wyram; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 15 October, 1530, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES YONG [OF HOGSTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 213*d*.]

1530. I Agnes Yong of Hoggesthorp, seke of body, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of our blessyd Lady of Hoggesthorpe, and that thyng that the law will require to be my mortuary. To the reparacions of the pyx iiij*d*. To the high alter of Hoggesthorp for tithys forgotten iiij*d*. To the bellys of Hoggesthorp xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln a sylver broche and ij*d*. To our Lady in the high quere of Hoggesthorp iiij*d*. To our Lady of Piety in the same church iiij*d*. To Alice, Elizabeth, and Jenet my doughters. To Richerd and Robert my sonnes. To Thomas Swete, Henry Swete, and Robert Swete. To Jenet Shellys a coffer. The resydewe to William my sonne, whome I make my executor to dispose for the helth of my soule and all crysten soullys. Wytnes therof, sir Henry Goodwyne; Thomas Lordwyn; John Page; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BUSCHE [OF LEVERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 386.]

8 October, 1530. I Richard Busche of Leverton makes my testament and last wyll. I bequeth my sole to almyghty God, to his moder saint Mary, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the church yard of Leverton. I bequeth for my mortuary as the law will requyre. To the ornamentes of the hy awtur ther iiij*d*. To the parsonys of Leverton to be prayd for and forgotten tythes on cow and to ever [*sic*] other awtur yn the same church ij*d*. To our Lady of Pete on shepe. To the churchwarkes of Leverton xs. To the church warkes of Leeke iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Katerins ij*d*. To the iiij orders of Frees [*sic*] in Boston on quartar of barlay. To Elisabethe Coke. To

every on of my god chylderne iiij*d*. To Thomas Busche and Jenet hys sister on calfe. To Richard Busche on cow calfe. To Agnes Busche, my god chyld. To Robert Pyg. To Richard Busche the yongar. To Alice Strubbe. To John Busche the elder vjs. viij*d*. To Water Busche [*folio* 386*d*.] my sone all my landes howsys and tenementes lyyng in Leverton, Benyngton, Leeke, and also in any other placce within the covnte of Lyncoln, to him and to his heres and assins. The resedew of my goodes to Water Busche, my sone, whom I make my executur, [etc.], to dyspose for my sole helthe as he thinkyth shal be most ples' to God, desiring John Busche the elder to helpe to bryng me forthe at my bereyng, and after to medyll no more with no part of my goodes. Thes witnesse, sir Richard Shepard, parson of the north part of the churche of Leverton; sir Robart Symson; John Busche; and John Croft; with other.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SPARKE [OF TIMBERLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 362*d*.]

8 October, 1530. I Robert Sparke of Tymberland parysh, makes my last will. My body to be buried in the kyrke yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Tymberlande. To the high alter off Tymberlande for forgottyn tithys viij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To the reparacions of Tymberlande kyrke vjs. viij*d*. To the convent of Tupholme xxvjs. viij*d*., wich the abbot of Tupholme ought afore tyme to me. To Margaret Kyme. The resydue of my goodes to John Sparke, my sone, and to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executors. I will that sir Robert Dawke be the supervisor. Wytnes herof, sir Robert Dawke, my gostly father; Xp'ofer Grene; Thomas Grevelay; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Braunceton, 19 April, 1531. Administration granted to Joan the relict, reserving power to grant to John Sparke, the other executor, when he shall come.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM JOHNSON [OF BRATOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 320*d*.]

10 October, 1530. I William Jonson of Bratofte, makes my last will. My body to be buryd within the churchyerde of Bratofte of saintes Peter and Pall, and my mortuary as the law requiryth. To the high alter of the same xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Bratofte kyrke iijs. iiij*d*. To be delte at my buryall xxs. To Julyan Jonson xl. To Catheryne my wyff all my landes duryng the tyme of her lyff, and the thyrd parte off all my goodes, and then I will that the forsayd landes go to my doughters and ther chylder lauffull begotten of ther bodys, that is for to say to Alice, Jenet, Isabell, and Julyan. The resydue of my goodes to Catheryne my wyff, whome I make my executrix, that she dispose them for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soulys; and Thomas Symson of Waynforth to be my supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir William Pygot; sir Edward Hamond.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF BARNARD RICHMAN [OF TALLINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 309*d.*]

10 October, 1530. I Bernarde Richman of Tallyngton, makes my will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of Tallyngton. To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the high alter of Tallyngton *iiijd.* To sepulcre light of Tallyngton *ij* strykes of barly. To our Lady light and s<sup>t</sup> Laurence light *ij* strykes of barly each. To our Lady of Pety and s<sup>t</sup> Thomas light on stryke of barly each. To my servantes *ij* strykes of barly. I will that my burying day my vij<sup>th</sup> day and the xxx<sup>ty</sup> day my wyff shall deale halpeny breade for my soule. I will that my wyff purches me the pardon of the gylde of Boston. The resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I will they be in the disposicion of Alice my wyff, who I make my full executrix, and John Hadden of Brasborow supervisor. Thes wytnessys, Richerd Watson ; Henry Rak ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Stanford, 2 March, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WYLSON [OF DENTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 366.]

10 October, 1530. I William Wylson of Denton, husbandman, makes my testament, [etc.]. My body to be buried in the church yerde of the holy appostell s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Denton. To the high altare of Denton a yow hogge. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *iiijd.* To William my sonne. To Thomas my sone. To Jenet my daughter. The resydewe of my goodes to Helene my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dyspose them to the welthe of my soule. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Thomas Hawkyn ; Adam Foster ; William Woodroff ; Thomas Clyfton ; William Jellyan ; and other.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 17 October, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. HORNCASSELL [OF LACEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 354.]

12 October, 1530. I William Horncastell, of Laceby, husbandman, makes my will. My body to be buried in the churche garthe of Laceby. To the high alter of the sayd churche *viiijd.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *viiijd.* I will that ther be done for me a trentall of messys. To the church warke of Laceby *vs.* To Xp'ofor Horncastell, my sonne. To Hugh Ansell. To Elizabeth Betneff. To John Betneff. The resydue of my goodes to Emmot my wyff, the wiche I make my executrix. Thes men wytnes, Thomas Betneff ; John Hogeson ; Richarde Pycarde.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 27 April, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. CROSBY [OF HOUGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 307*d.*]

13 October, 1530. I Thomas Crosby of Hougham, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerd of All Haloys off Hougham. To the high alter of Hougham *iiijd.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln *xijd.* To William Crosby, my broder. The



resydue of my goodes to Elizabeth my wyffe, the wiche I make executrix that she may dispose for the well of my soule. I will that Thomas Denton and William Harvy be the supervisors, and ether off them to have for ther labor iij s. iiij d. Thes wytnes, sir John Wymarke, prest ; John Crosby ; Thomas Denton ; William Harvy ; William Crosby ; with oder moy.

Proved before P., at Ancastre, 27 February, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD LACAN [OF LUDBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 323.]

13 October, 1530. I Richerd Lacan late of Ludburgh makes settes and ordens thys to be my last testament and will. My body to be buryd within the qwere of my parysh church of our Lady of Ludburgh, and it to be at the discrecion of my executors. I will that of all my goodes moveables that my dettes be payd. To my curat for my tithys forgottyn ijs. To the warke of the monastery of our mother church of Lincoln xvjd. To our Lady of Lincoln viij d. To the warke of my parysh church vs. I will that sir Robert Fen, hermet of Ludburgh, say a trentall for my soule. To Jenet Lacan my wyff all my hole housys and landes [etc.], [*folio* 323d.] with all other the appurtenances therto belongyng within the townys and feldys of Ludburgh, Burton Stater, and in all other placys within the shyer of Lincoln, for the bryngyng up of my chylder, duryng the terme of her lyff naturall, so that she sufficiently mayntene and upholde all and every houses and landes ; and aftyr the decease of Jenet my wyff to remayn unto my right heyres of my body. To John Lacan, Thomas Lacan, and to Richerd Lacan, my sonnes, xxl. equally to be shyfftyd among them when thay cum to lafull age. And yf it fortune enny of thes iij chyldren to decease or that they be at lafull age, then I wyll that ther partes remayn unto them that be lyffyng. And yff it fortune that they all departe thys present lyff or that they be at lafull age, then I will that thys xxl. be disposyd at the discrecion of my executors, and they to dispose for the helthe of my soule ; provydyd allway that when it shall fortune Jenet my wyff to marry withall I will that he be bounde strongly in obligacion with sufficient sewertyes for the payment of the forsayd xxl. accordyng to thys my last [will], or ellys the sayd xxl. to be delyveryd owt of her handes afore that she be maryed by the vice and discrecion of Thomas Foster of Louth, John Rode the yonger, and sir George Soke my broder. To Mare my syster xs. To Anne my syster xxs. To Catheryne Sysson. To Elizabeth Bavys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Jenet my wyff, whome I make on of my executors, and Thomas Foster of Louth for to be another, gyffyng onely to hym for hys labor xxs. I bequeth to Jenet my wyff to occupy and have the parsonages of Ludburgh the wiche I have takyn by indentur of m<sup>r</sup> George Gylys, parson off Ludburgh, for the terme and space of vij yeres fully to be endyd as more playnly dothe appere by hys indentur. Thes beryng wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> George Gylys, parson of Ludburgh ; John Cayd ; Roger Fysher ; Thomas Elfyn ; Richerd Cayd ; sir Robert Fen, hermet of Ludburgh ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 14 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JANNE ENDERBY [OF MANBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 267.]

14 October, 1530. I Jenet Enderby of Manby make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our blessyd Lady of Manby. To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the high alter of Manby *iiijd.* To the gylde of our Lady of Manby *xijd.* To John Lorland, my servant, *xijd.* To my mother a rownde gowne, [etc.]. To Hogeson wyff. To Ryby wyff of Hatton. To Thomas Dyconson wyffe. To Richerd Diconson wyff. To John Fodergyll wyff. To Herryson wyff. To [*folio 267d.*] my too goddoughters. To my chylder. Also it is my wyll that a pare of my beades go to our Lady of Lincoln. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt I gyff to John Fodergyll to dispose for my soule after hys own mynde. Thes wytnes, John Roland; Elizabeth Redhed; Katheryne Henryson; Agnes Glentharn; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 19 November, 1530, by the executor.<sup>1</sup>

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FRAUNCYS [OF RIPPINGALE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 266d.]

14 October, 1530. I William Frauncys of Repyngall make and orden my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of Repyngall dedicat in the honor of *st* Androy the appostyll. To the parsons of the sayd church ther to pray for my soule at the high alter *xijd.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *xijd.* To the fatherles chyl dren of *st* Catheryne of Lincoln *xijd.* I bequeth on cove to the church of Repyngall to kepe my yere day. To the church of Repyngall on seme of barly. To the bellys of Repyngall *xijd.* To the roode within the church of Repyngall *xijd.* To the roode lyght *xijd.* I bequeth on schepe to our Lady light off Pety. To *st* Peter light halff a seame of malte. To John Burton. To Henry Burton. To John my servant. To William Burton. To Robert Clypson. To Margaret my daughter. I bequeth on trentall of messys to be sayd for the helth of my soule. I bequeth on di. trentall off messys for the helthe of John Toller soule. The resydewe of my goodes to Robert Frauncys, my sonne, and to Margaret Frauncys, my daughter, whome I orden executors. I will that John Cade be supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Xp'ofor Peyll, my gostly fater; John Obbyn; John Clypson; John Cade; and Robert Lawe.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 28 October, 1530, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BOTTERY [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 261.]

1530 A.D. I Thomas Bottery of Pynchbek do make my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter ther for tithys forgotten *xijd.* To every alter in the sayd church *iiijd.* To the light of King Henry *viiijd.* To *st* John alter a flaxen schete. To the church warke of Lincoln *vjd.* To *st* Catheryns *iiijd.* I will ther

<sup>1</sup> No executor is mentioned in the will, but the residuary legatee was presumably held to be the executor.

be bestowyd at my buryall day vijs. also at my vij day iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. I will my executor cause to syng for me at *Scali celi* v messys. To my brother my gowne and my dooblet, also to hys wyff a kyrchyff not mayd. To my awne syster my best kyrchyff and my best red cappe. To my god sun, the sonne of my brother, a rose and a bell of sylver. To my brother sonne. To John Eben my god sun a george of sylver. To Alice Tylson, Agnes Tylson, Jenet Tylson, and Thomas Tylson. To every on of my syster chylder a peeloy bere. To the eldest of my brothers chyldren a brasse pan, and to every on off hys other chylder a pewter platter yff they cum for them [*folio 261d.*] w<sup>t</sup> in thys yere, orellys I will all suche thynges bequethyd to my chylder and her syster and my brother chyldren be solde be my executor and the money takyn for it to be disposyd to pore people. To Xp<sup>o</sup>for Balanke my blew cote. To Jenet Shomaker. To the wyff of Xp<sup>o</sup>for Balanke a rale, a whyte purs w<sup>t</sup> on ryng havyng a harte of sylver of the same ryng. To Symon Thorpe a canvys dooblet. To Thomas Iogson. To Robert Hall. The resydew of my goodes I wyll that they be seen and prasyd by my nyghbors and the money for them takyn I will it be disposyd by Xp<sup>o</sup>for Balanby [*sic*], whome I make my executor. Thes wytnes, Thomas Hyll, prest ; John Claie ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BROXHAM [OF OWRESBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 328.]

20 October, 1530. I William Broxham of Owresby makes my wyll or testament. My body to be buryd in the kyrkgarth of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn. I wyt to our Lady warke of Lincoln xij<sup>d</sup>. I wyt to the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn at Owresby iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the kyrke warke of Owresby xij<sup>d</sup>. To Robert Broxham, my sonne, a qwy, [etc.]. I will that my goodes be devydyd when that my will is fullyllyd, [etc.], and the one parte or halffe I gyff to William Broxham, my sonne, and the [*folio 328d.*] other parte or halffe I gyff to Alyson my wyff, [whom] I make my executors. I will that Robert Broxham, my sonne, be supervisor yff he will. Thes men to wytnes, John Lammyng, prest ; John Coper ; William Wellys ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 17 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

[THE TESTAMENT OF HUGH ALLELEY OF SCAWTHORPE].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 9. *Collated with another copy at f. 47, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

26 October, 1530. I Hew<sup>1</sup> Alleley off Scalthorpe in the parriche off Scotter maykes thys my last wyll and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche zered of sanct Petur off Scotter aforesayd. I bequeth in the name off my mortuary as the<sup>2</sup> requireth. To the hyght alter ther for tythes forgotten vjd. To the churche warkes off sanct Petur aforesayd ijs. To the warkes of ower moder churche of ower blyssed Lady of Lincoln vjd. To the blyssed hed off Sanct Hew<sup>1</sup> off Lincoln iiij<sup>d</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 'Hue' in A.

<sup>2</sup> A. adds 'law'



To Wylliam my son. To my syster Isabell. To Robert Alleley, my broder. To Putur<sup>1</sup> Yorke, my fader in lawe. To Jenat Yorke,<sup>2</sup> my syster in lawe. The resydew to Isabell my wyff, Wylliam Alleley, Thomas Alleley, and Marget Alleley, my chyldren, qwhome I make my executores for to dyspose for the helth of my soule my frendes soules and all crysten soules. Thes wyttnes, Henry Brugke,<sup>3</sup> chaplayn and curatt; Wylliam Alleley; and Wylliam Atkynson; with other moo.

[No probate act.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DONHAM, PREST [OF DRIBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 380d.]

28 October, 1530. I John Donham, chauntry preste in Dryby, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the chapell of our Lady in the parysh churche of Dryby. And in place of my mortuary as the rate porcion of my goodes commyth to. I will the curat of the churche off Dryby have vjd. to say messe and dyryge for my soule and all crysten soulys. And also to fyve honest prestes to say v messys of the v woundes of our Lord God xxd. To the high altare ther xijd. To our Lady of Lincoln xijd. To my brother, Thomas Donham, xlv shyillynges, [etc.]. To Elizabeth Donham, the doughter of the sayd Thomas Donham, thre pare of schetes wt one sperver of dornyx, iiij sylver sponys, and a pare off beades of ivery, a basyn, a hyngyng laver, and xxvjs. viijd., [etc.]. To Margaret Donham, syster to the sayd Elizabeth Donham, ij sylver sponys and xxs., [etc.]. I will yff that other of thes too systers dy afore they [folio 381] cum to yeres of discrestion, that is for to say afore they be maryed, that she that overlyvyth have all, and yff they bothe dy the father of them, Thomas Donham, to have the hole, and yff he dy afore them I will my executors sell it and dispose it for our soulys and all crysten soulys. I will my gownys and my bokes be solde and the money disposyd for my soule and all crysten soulys. To Norryn college xiijs. iiijd. Also the resydue of my goodes I bequeth to sir John Taylor, the parson of Enderby, and to sir Henry Gray, the parson of Somersby, wich I make my executors, and I bequeth to ether of them for ther labors xs. Wytnes herof, sir John Smyth, chauntry prest of Dryby aforesayd; Thomas Pyper of the same; with other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 21 November, 1532, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD FOWLE [OF SILK WILLOUGHBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 311d.]

The feast of All Saints, 1530. I Richerd Fowle of Willoby makyth my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde. To the high alter of the same iiijd. To the gylytyng of the sepulcre at Silk Wyllughby iijjs. iiijd., and to thenduyng of a light to the sayd sepulcre iijjs. iiijd. To the sayd churche iij kye and money to the valewe of xls. to thenduyng and fyndyng of a yerly obbyt for my soule, the soule of Alice my wyff, and for all crysten soulys. To the churche warke of our Lady at Lincoln viijd. To the chyldren of John Gull. I will that iij

<sup>1</sup> 'Petur' in A.

<sup>2</sup> A. omits 'Yorke'

<sup>3</sup> 'Brugkse' in A.

messys be celebrat at *Scala celi* at Boston for my soule and the saulys of my fader and mother. To Symkyn Cresy the bed that I ly in, my warke days rayment, and a potte with butter. To Jenet Stokys. To Isabell Wyltyn. To Agnes Rawe the yonger. To Garardes doughtter of Demylby an arke, [etc.]. To Dykes wyff. To Robert Margery doughtter. To Thomas Peyrson iijs. iiij*d.*, and to Robert Margery vjs. viij*d.* of that money that he dothe owe to me, whome I make my executors. The resydewe of my goodes I will that the sayd Thomas and Robert dispose for the well of my soule. Thes wytnes, Thomas Peyrson; Robert Margery; John Gull; William Colyar; with other.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 4 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CARTER [OF BURGH LE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 378.]

5 November, 1530. I Robert Carter of Burgh makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Burgh. To the reparacions of the sayd church xls. To our Lady gylde iijs. iiij*d.* To the Trinite gylde iijs. iiij*d.* To the high altare for forgottyn tithes xij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Lady warke iiij*d.* To Thomas my sonne v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* To William my sonne v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* [*folio* 378*d.*] To Margaret my doughter xl. And yff any of thes departe before they be of lauffull age then I will that they be buryed honestly with parte of the money, and the resydue to be equally devydyd emonges them that lyffes. And yff it happyn so that all departe before they be of lauffull age then I will that v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* be equally devydyd emonges the chylder of Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Carter, and other v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* be equally devydyd emonges the chylder of William Palmer. To my mother xxs. To my syster Palmer a pare of beades wych was my fathers. To my syster, Dame Agnes, xiijs. iiij*d.* To my syster Argram too elnys of my best worstyd. To Anthony Palmer. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Julian my wyff. Also I will set owt my x acres lande to the terme that xx*l.* be receyvyd therapon to the payng of my dettes and to the buryng of my body, [etc.], and aftyr the xx*l.* be takyn clerely and receyvyd then I gyff to William my sonne iiij acres lande callyd Norams land to hym and hys heyr for ever. I make Julian my wyff, sir William Bosten, Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Carter my executors, and other of them to have for ther labor to helpe my wyff xiijs. iiij*d.*, and William Palmer to be the supervisor and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d.* Thes wytnes, sir John Peychyll; Wylliam Peycok; William Mawnus; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 21 November, 1532. Administration granted to Julian the relict and Christopher Carter, sir William Boston renouncing.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SHERPE [OF GONERBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 307*d.*]

5 November, 1530, 21 Henry VIII. I William Sherp of Gonwardby makes my testament and last will. [*folio* 308]. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Sebastian of Gonwardby. To the vicars of Grantham in dischargyng of my conscience for my mortuary as the lawe

will. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high alter of Gonwarby xij*d*. To the church warke of Gonwardby xx*d*. To the church warke of Grantham xij*d*. To the frerys of Grantham to syng a trentall in Gonwarby church for my soule xs. To Margery Maryot, my servant. To Crystian Mere, my doughter, iiij sylver sponys. To Richerd my sonne. To Richerd Maryot. To the chylder of Robert Sherp, my sonne, lately deceasyd, and to the chyldren of William Meres and Peter Blak. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Richerd Sherp, my sone, whome I make executor. And I beseche my wellbeluffyd kynsman and frende Robert Sherp of Baroughby, to be supervysor, and I gyff him for hys labor all chargys borne clerely vjs. viij*d*. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Mathewe Gybson; William Meres; William Spragen; and other many moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 28 February, 1530-1, by the executor.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. KYME [OF WEST ASHBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 317.]

6 November 1530. I William Kyme of Ashby iuxta Horncastre makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys of Ashby, and my mortuary as the law requyrys. To our Lady of Lincoln warke ij*d*. To the hygh alter of Ashby pro decimis oblitis xx*d*. To Nether Toynton church xij*d*. To Thomas Kendall my best cote to be good frende to my wyff. To Elizabeth my doughter. To Johanne my doughter. To Margaret my doughter. I will that yff on of my doughters decease afore she cum to lawfull age, [etc.]. To Margaret my wyff the house and the lande that I toke by indenture of John Gose for the terme of my yeres, wich I make my executrix. These being witneses, sir Henry Parker of Ashby; Henry Smyth of the same; and John Hyll; with others of Ashby.

Proved before P., at Horncastre, 10 March, 1530-1.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF SIR RICHARD ROBERTSON [OF LEAKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 229*d*.]

6 November, 1530. I Richerd Roberdson, chauntry prest of Leek, [*folio* 230] makes my testament, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the kyrke of Leek, in the name of my mortuary as custome requiryth. To the adournyng of the high alter in Leek kyrke iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Laurence alter iiij*d*. To the vicar for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne ij*d*. To the makynge of the new steple at Leeke xij*d*. To the reparacion of Leuerton kyrke iij*s*. iiij*d*. I will have on trentall sayd in Leek kyrke for my soule and all crystyn soulys. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Margaret Dalby, my servant, whome I make my executrix, with sir Thomas Paynson, m<sup>r</sup> of the chauntry, supervisor. Thies wytnes, sir John Grene, vicar; sir John Westemellys; William Whetley; William Groscroft; and Thomas Kewyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 November, 1530.



THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYLLIAMSON [OF OSGODBY BY KIRKBY].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 229d.]

6 November, 1530. I John Wylliamson of Hosgodby in the parysh of Kyrkby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Andrew of Kyrkby aforesayd. To the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Andrew iij strykes barly. To our Lady warke of our mother churche in Lincoln iiijd. To the high alter in the same iiijd. To our Lady frerys in Lincoln viijd. To the Gray frerys of Grymesby vjd. and to the Augustyn frerys vjd. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Wylliamson. To the Trinite gylde on yew hogge. To Gyls Wylliamson on qwee calffe. To Rawffe Williamson. To Edon Nettelham. To every on of my god barnys. Also on trentall of messys to be done for my soule and all my good frendys soulys. To Thomas and Richerd Williamson, my sonnys, all my corne. To Agnes Williamson, my daughter, halffe my inward housholde stuff, and Thomas my sonne and Richerd to have the other halffe. I will that all my other goodes be devydyd in thre partes, on parte to Thomas Williamson, a nother parte to Richerd Williamson, and the thyrde parte to Agnes Wylliamson. I will that the forsaid Thomas and Richerd Williamson be my full executors. Thes beyng wytnes, John Martyn; William Martyn; and Richerd Harde. Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 November, 1530.

[THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM RAWYN OF LAUGHTON].

[Stow, 1530-52, f. 8. *Collated with another copy at folio 46, referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

7 November, 1530. I Wylliam Rawyn, syke in body, makes my wyl. My body to be buryed in the churche zerde of All Sanctes in Layghton.<sup>1</sup> To the hye awter iiijd. To the churche of Layghton<sup>1</sup> iiijd. All the resydew of my guddes I gyff to my chyl dren and I make Wylliam Corsay and Thomas my full executores. Thes men beryng wittnes, sir Robert Talyour,<sup>2</sup> curatt; Wylliam Halluell; with other moo.  
[No probate act.]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY BAXTER OF CATHORPE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 234.]

8 November, 1530. I Henry Baxter off Cathorpe, seke of body, make my testament. My body to be buryed w<sup>t</sup> in the parysh church of s<sup>t</sup> Vincent of Cathorpe. [folio 234d.] To the mother churche of Lincoln vjd. To the warkes thereof vjd. To the high alter w<sup>t</sup> in the sayd churche of Cathorp for tithes forgottyn iiijd. To the parysh churche of Barlay vjs. viijd. To Richard Alea my gray mare. To Robert Auger my donne colte. To William Gregby a fyll to the vse of my godsun hys sun. To sir Rayff Parker a yong stag as I have informyd Agnes Bardall to delyver hym. To Diones Terre the mare that strayd to Grantham. To Thomasyne Bardall the house that George Ellome, tayller, dwellyth in dewryng the yeres that I have taken by copy of courte rolle after the custome of thys maner; also yf so be that she will be well governyd aftyr hyr mother fyve markes yf so be that my stoke wyll rase it aftyr

<sup>1</sup> 'Laughton' in A.

<sup>2</sup> 'Taylor' in A.

my dettes be all payd and my will all fulfyllyd. Also I will that ther shall a preste syng a trentall for my soule and all my good frendes soullys and all crysten soullys, and the sayd preste to have xs. Also I will that my executors cause to be songe fyve messes at *Scala celi* other at Boston or Lincoln as they thynke best. The resydewe of all my goodes not bequethyd and all my cotypes after the custome of thys maner I gyff to Agnes Bardall, the wyffe of Thomas Bardall, the wich Agnes I orden executryx to dyspose them for my soule, and Wylliam Leeke, gentylman, to be coadiutor to her and supervysor of the same. Thes wytnesses, sir Rayff Parker, curet of Cathorpe; Richerd Ale; Robert Awnger, yoman; Thomas Garnet, yoman; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 8 December, 1530. Administration granted to the executrix.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GUNBE [OF WRAGBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 348d.]

8 November, 1530. I John Gunbe in the parysh off Wragby doth make my will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of All Halloys in Wragby, my mortuary as the order of the churche and custome is. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high alter of All Saintes within the churche of Wragby xij*d*. To Jenet Gunby, my wyff, ij borde clothys and fowr towellys, [etc.]. To Dorothe Sowt. To Richerd Gunbe, my sonne one bowe, and the best whete lande of Benne Hyll with on bushyll rye and peys and one lande rye. To Thomas Gunbe, my sonne. To John Gunby, my sonne [folio 349]. To Thomas Gunby the yonger. To William Gunby. To Margaret Horne. To Hugh Gunby one whet lande of Benne Hyll. To William Smyth. To Robert Gunby. I will one cople oxen the best be solde to pay my dettes. I will on trentall be sayd and songe for my soule and all crysten soullys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Gunby and Thomas Gunby, the wich I make my executors. I will that Robert Clerke of the parysh of Wragby be supervisor, and I bequeth to him for hys labor on pare of malte qwerneys. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Xp'ofor Webster, the vicar of Wragby; Hugh Helland; Robert Clerke; William Nevyllyn; William Roghton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 27 March, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER SYMMYS [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 56.]

8 November, 1530. I Roger Symmys within the paryshyng of Conesby makes my testament. My body to be beryed in the churche yerde of st Michel tharchangell of the sayd Conesby. To the warke of our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altare of the sayd Conesby viij*d*. To the churche warke iiij*d*. To the bellys viij*d*. To Robert Symmys, my sonne a boote. To Isabell Symmys, my wyff, and to the sayd Robert my sonne. To Albane Symmys, my sonne, a lytyll dowed cowe, and to Alice hys daughter. To every one of my daughters, as Cristian Symmys, Agnes, Margaret, Alice, Johanne, and Rose Symmys. Resydue of my goodes I gyff to the sayd Isabell Symmys, my wyff. I orden the same

Isabell my wyff and the forsayd Robert Symmys, my sonne, to be my executors. I have desyryd to testify thys my testament, William Magson, preste; John Abraham; and John Tonerde; with other.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 1 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TYLSON [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 239.]

9 November, 1530. I Richerd Tylson of Pynchbek, single man, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high alter in the church of Pynchbek *ijd.* To every altare [*folio 239d.*] within the sayd churche *jd.* To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the fatherles chyl dren in s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *ijd.* To the church warkes of Pynchbek *iiijd.* To Mary Fendyke, my aunte, *iiij* acres of frelande lying both in pastre and in arable the terme of her lyff, and after her decease I wyll that the lande remayn to the next of her kyn. To Roger Tylson *vj* acres of coppy holde lande to hym and to hys heyres or hys assygners. To Hugh Cust the forsayd *vj* acres of coppy holde lande the yeres that he toke it for that was *v* yeres wherof *ij* of them is expyryd. I will that a seame of whete that is in the handes of William Cheryff be solde and the valew of the same seame be disposyd of my burying day for the helthe of my soule in messe and dirige. I wyll that my executors do cause a trentall to be songe for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soulys within the church of Pynchbek, and yff it may be sparyd I wolde have *iiij* messys song at *Scala celi* for me and my father and my mother. To Thomas Tylson. To Isabell Tylsone *iiij* pecys of peuder. To Richerd Custe *iiij* pecys of powder. To John Tylson the yonger. The resydue of my goodes I will they be disposyd to pore folkes by the handes of Gylbert Tylson and Robert Fendyke, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, William Bewyk, prest; Richerd Alyn; Thomas Stiparde; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PEKYLL [OF BENYNGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 313d.]

10 November, 1530. I John Pykyll off Benyngton the elder makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys in Benyngton, and as the lawe requyrys to my Lorde God. To the sacrament *ijd.* To Corpus Xp'i alter *ijd.* To our Lady alter *ijd.* [*folio 314.*] To our Lady of Lincoln to her warkes *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns to the orphans *ijd.* To the proctor for tithynges forgottyn *ijd.* To Alyson my wyff on acre of lande lying in Freston Honetofte in fe symple, and halff on acre at Newdyk Gap in fe symple. Item on acre and di' in Fyrst Newlandes lykwyse, and on acre lying in Bennyngton ynges, and halff on acre lying in Butterwyk felde in fe symple. To Alyson my wyff on acre and di' land lying in Gottyke felde in fe symple, after the decease of Elizabeth Bothby. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Alyson my wyff, whome I make my executrix to brynge me



forth, [etc.]. Thes wytnes, sir Roger Pyshe; Cristofer Pekyll; Richerde Bere; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT COVELL [OF STAINFIELD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 244.]

14 November, 1530. I Robert Covell paryshoner of Staynfeld make thys my last testament in tyme of my perfyte remembraunce. My body to be buryed w<sup>t</sup> in the parysh church of Staynfeld, to the wich church I bequeth vjs. viij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To the parysh church of Hold Bollyngton iijs. iiij*d*. [*folio 244d.*] To the priorisse and convent of Staynfeld vjs. viij*d*. To John Wylson of Applay one of my gownes. I will that halffe a trentall of messys be celebratyed at the day of my buryall. To my wyff fyve markes in money w<sup>t</sup> the resydew of my goodes not bequethyd, whome I constitute my sole executrix, and William Tayboys esquier supervisor of thys my sayd last will and testament, and he to have for recompense of hys labor one sygnet of syluer wich costomely I vsyd vpon one of my fyngers. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Tenande, preste; Thomas Weste, frere; Richerde Lownde; and other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 29 May, 1531, by the executrix.

[LINCOLN DIOCESAN REGISTRY, INVENTORIES, 1508-50, No. 7.]

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Item iiij spyttes			xvj <i>d</i> .	pannes and on		
Item ij pare of tongges			xiiij <i>d</i> .	skemer		xx <i>d</i> .

Her foloweth the names of them that prised the said goodes aboyff written sir Thomas Tenaunde parishe prest of Stanfield' Robert Trusse Rauff Holtebye and Robert Fauceyt of the said parishe of Stanfield'.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CRAVEN [OF BOULTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 233.]

15 November, 1530. I John Craven the elder of Bultham makyth my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche or churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Bultham. To the church warke of Bultham ijs. and to the high alter for tithys forgotten xvjd. To Margaret my doughter a cowe, and to thre of her chylder to every on of them a schepe or ijs. in money. To the convent of saynt Catheryns to be prayd for iijs. iiijd. To our Lady of Lincoln vjd. To the iiij housys of Frerys to every on of them iiijd. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to John Craven, my sonne, the wych I make my executor. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Robert Gawber, curet; Robert Lokyt; and John Walsche.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 2 December, 1530, by the executor.

## THE TESTAMENT OF SIR GEORGE GARNER [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 7d.]

15 November, 1530. I George Garner, preste, makyth my testament. My body to be buryed with [*folio* 8] in the paryshe churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe of Boston. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe to m<sup>r</sup> Babyngton iijs., and to the same to m<sup>r</sup> Gydon xvjd. To the moder churche of Lincoln iiijd. To our Lady warke iiijd. To the faderles and moderles chyldren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiijd. To the gylde of the vij Slepys within the churche of Boston vjs. viijd. To our Ladys gylde off Boston xs. To the monastery of Barlynges xs. To sir Thomas Crowe one vs. of golde for a gymmo. To William Lownde, my godsun, in money xls., [etc.], when he cumys to the age off xxij yeres. And yff he dye or he cum to the age of xxij yeres, then I will the sayd xls. be disposyd to a preste to syng for me and all my benefactors and all crysten soulys. To Thomas Lownde, hys brother, xs. at the age afore wryttyn, and yff he dye afore the age then I will that it be disposyd after the maner of hys brother William. To my goddoughter at Richerd Olyvers xijd., and to her fader and moder. To John Blancharde my best gowne ffurryd with blaklam. To Agnes hys wyff. To my Lady Ancorys every fryday one yere jd. To sir Thomas Cersy my best typpyt lynyd with cony. To m<sup>r</sup> Austyn my typpyd lynyd with ffytches. To sir John Dyxson my tippyd lynyd with sersnet. The resydue of all that I have I gyff to sir Thomas Gybson preste, he to pay my dettes and to dispose them for the welthe of my soule, and he to put of my goodes ls. to the vse of John Lekes will for thynges forgottyn. In wytnes at the copy of thys my awn hande and at the day when I receyvvd my ryghttes, sir Thomas Cersy; sir John Dyxson; sir Thomas Ashlay; John Blancher; ffysher Browne; with many oder.

Proved before P., at Boston, 20 February, 1532-3.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JANE HAREBY [OF EVEDON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 244.]

16 November, 1530. I Jane Hareby make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the churche of our Lady in Evedon. To the high altare of Evedon viijd. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiijd. To the chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne ij. To John Hareby, my sonne. To

Dorethe my doughter a gret arke, [etc.]. To Isabell my doughter one kyrtyll of cremesyn, [etc.]. To Alice my doughter. I gyff iij yerdes and a halffe of lyn clothe, price the yerde viij*d.*, to the high altare in Evedon church. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Hareby, whome I make my executor so that he gyff to the church off Evedon one chalis as he thynkes best. I make sir Thomas Hareby, my sonne, supervisor. Thes wytnesses, sir Bartholomew Ingoldesby, parson of Evedon; John Hareby gentleman; John Stell; and Henry Jay; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleaford, 25 May, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. SCRYUENER [OF GREAT LIMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 326*d.*]

16 November, 1530. I Thomas Scryvener of Lymburgh Magna do make my will and testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Lymber Magna with my mortuary as the law requiryth. To the high alter in the sayd church viij*d.* To the high alter of our Lady of Lincoln v*d.* To the church warke of our Lady of Lincoln v*d.* To the gylde of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas in Lymbergh iiij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Ketesby xij*d.* To Henry Scryvener. To John Scryvener. To William Scryvener. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth Scryvener, my wyff, and Robert my sone, whome I make executors. Thes wytnes, Nicholes Scryvener; John Torwell; John Thomson; wyth many other moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WALLNOT [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 398*d.*]

16 November, 1530. I John Walnot the elder of the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak in Tofte makys my [*folio* 399] testament concluding in it my last will. My body to be buried in the paryshe church of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak, and for my mortuary that lawe and the custome of the kyng shall require. To the highe altare in Tofte church for tithys forgottyn viij*d.* To every gylde in the sayd church iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the wallys ther iiij*d.* To the good and profytable warkes of Tofte church iijs. iiij*d.* To John Walnot, my sonne, yff he lyff to he cum at the full age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres. To Robert my sonne a heder calve, a qwe, etc., yff he lyff to he cum at the full age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres. To Stevyn, Thomas, and Anthony my sonnes yff they lyff to they cum at the full age off xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres. To Margaret my doughter yff sche lyff to she cum at the full age off xvij yeres. To Isabell my doughter yff she lyff to she cum at the full age of xvij yeres, a shedder calve, etc. To Alice my wyff iiij acres lande lying [*folio* 399*d.*] in the Sowthe felde of Skyrbek for the terme of her lyffe, and aftyr her decesse I will that the land remayn to Anthony Walnot my sonne and to the heyres of her [*sic*] body laufully begottyn, remainder to Stephyn Walnot, my sonne, and to the heyres of hys body, remainder to John Walnot, my sonne, and hys heyres for ever. To Alison my wyff all my other landes and tenements, [etc.], in Tofte and Skyrbek unto thende off xxx yeres; and yff she lyff att thende of the sayd xxx<sup>ty</sup> yeres, I will the same landes, [etc.], fully



remayn [in succession] unto John, Robert, Stephyn, Thomas, and Anthony Walnot, my sonnes, and the heires of their bodies laufully begottyn ; remainder to the nexte heyres of me the sayd John Walnot for ever. The resydue [*folio* 400] of my goodes I gyff them to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrix to bryng me furthe, [etc.]. I make m<sup>r</sup> Doctor prior of the Awstyn freres in Boston to be supervisor. Thes wytnesses, sir John Tateshall ; Robert Broune ; John Rychmonde ; and William Dawson ; with other mo yff nede require.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF CATHERINE BURTON [OF HACONBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 281.]

17 November, 1530. I Catheryne Burton of Hacconby makes my will and last testament. My body to be buryed in the church of Hacconby before the ymage of s<sup>t</sup> Cithe in the southe ally, and the church of Hacconby to have for my sepulcre iijs iiij*d*. To the highe altare of Hacconby church vjd. for tithynges forgotten. To the sepulcre light a stryke of barly. To a vestiment of blak, it to be in the same church of Hacconby, iijs. iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns light in the sayd church iiij*d*. To the church of Dounesby ix*s*. viij*d*., the wiche Thomas Phylip of Byllingburgh owyth me for ij seame of malte, wytnes therof Robert Hurne and Thomas Barker. To the same church of Dunesby iijs., the wiche Robert Armory off Byllingburgh owyth me for ij bullokes. To our Lady of Lincoln a pare of bedes of jette with v rynges of sylver. To the fatherles chylder in s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady of Walsyngham a corse gyrdell with a pendyll and a bukkyl of sylver. To John Burton a bakyn flyk, [etc.]. To every one of my godchyldren ij*d*. I will that vj bullokes and iiij kye and a mere be solde be the oversyght of my executor and my iiij overseers and the money to be dysposyd to one honest prest to syng for my husband soule and myne in the church of Hacconby one yere nexte insuyng and the other yere at Dunesby church. I will that the churchmasters of Hacconby have ij kye, they to kepe one obbet yerly for my husband soule and myne in the church off Hacconby with placebo and dirige, by the yere iijs. iiij*d*., and the church to upholde the stoke. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to William my sonne whome I make executor. I will that Thomas Pell Robert Bothe and John Burton of Dunesby be the overseers, and to have for ther labers xs. Wytnes, sir Thomas Clyff, vicare ; William Clerke ; Henry Frauncys.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 1 December, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD MANBY [*alias* SAWAR OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 384.]

18 November, 1530. I Richerd Manby otherwyse callyd Sawar of Sowthormesby makyth my last testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of South Ormesby, and for my mortuary as the lawe requiryth. To our Lady warke of our mother churche in Lincoln vjd. To the high altare in the churche of Ormesby for forgottyn tentes vjd. To the same churche one blak flekkyd qwy with calfe to go from poreman to poreman aftyr the order, syght, and delyveraunce of the church wardons of the same. To the parysh preste of the same for the beade rowlle and to say placebo and dirige with commendacion, and one messe ons in the

yere, viij*d.* To the ryngers iiij*d.* To the churche in Calceby v*d.* To the churche in Brynkyll v*d.* I bequeth for one trentall of messys to be sayd in the churche of Ormesby for the helthe of my soule xs. To my sun [*folio* 384*d.*] Nicholes too ij yeris olde sterys one brande and one red, and ij fyllys a blak and a red, and a nolde wane with whelys and the nepe yoke, and a quarter of barly, my best red cote, my bukskyn dooblet, my vilet hose, my secund hat, and my swerde. To Thomas my sonne ij too yere olde sterys, with a lyttyll blak meyr with a fole, halffe a seame of barly, a plugh, one culter and one schare, my fresyd cote, my fustyan dooblet, and a nolde hatte. To William my sun ij oxen calves, and to continu under hys mothers gydyng. To my doughter Jenet one blak cowe whyte heddyd and a cupborde aftyr her mother. To my doughter Catheryne one qwy ij yeris olde. To my doughter Alice one qwy one yere of age and upwarde. To my doughter Agnes one cowe. To my doughter Margaret one cowe. I will that William, Agnes, and Margaret be at ther moders gydyng, whedor she mary or nay, to they have yeris of discrecion. The resydue of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix, with Thomas Rust to whome I bequeth for hys labor vjs. viij*d.* In wytnes hereoff, sir John Cok, parson; Richerde Stapulforthe, preste; William Yrlande; William Helvys.

Proved before P., at Horncastre, 10 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MORELAND [PARSON OF GUNBY ST NICHOLAS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 309.]

20 November, 1530. I Thomas Moreland, parson of Gunby, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the chauncell of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes aforesayd. To our Lady of Lincoln v*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Gunby iiij bordes and iijs. iiij*d.* to make hym a tabernacle. On cowe to Gunby churche to kepe my anyversary yerely day for the release of my soule and all crysten soulys, with placebo and dirige, the prest or parson ther beyng to have for hys observaunce doying iiij*d.*, and on peny to be offeryd at messe, and viij*d.* to be disposyd in almys dedes, and the resydewe theroff to upholde the stok for evermore. ij schepe to kepe too taburs of wax of halffe poundes a pese before the ymage of our Lady in Gunby aforesayd, that is to say, on at mattyns, ij at messe, and on at evensong. To Lytle Panton churche on ponde of wax. To North Wytham churche viij*d.* To Sowthwytham churche xij*d.* To Thystelton churche xij*d.* To Staynby churche viij*d.* To Margaret Parmalay, my syster. To Jenet Tayller, my syster. To my syster, Jenet Morelaynd. To Elizabeth Henryson. To Cecile Moreland. To Anne Moreland on waynyng callfe [*folio* 309*d.*]. To William Moreland. To Alice Parmalay. To Jenet Tayller. To Alice Hyhecok. To John Moreland. To Margery Knyche, and to her chylder. To the iiij orders of Frerys in Stamford. To the frerys of Grantham. To every on of my godchylder. To Jenet Moreland and Alice Hyhecok all my houshold stuff. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to sir John Dauy, parson of Northwytham, and Robert Smyth of Gunby, whome I make my executors, and to have for ther labors vjs. viij*d.* Wytnes heroff, Richerd Grene; Thomas Jerman; John Bunttyng; John Knyche; and John Moreland; with other moy and diverse.

Proved before P., at Bylchefelde, 5 March, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. SMYTH [OF DEEPING ST JAMES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 310d.]

20 November, 1530, 21 Henry VIII. I Thomas Smyth of Depyng Jamys, tanner, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the cimitery of the sayd Depyng Jamys, and in the name of my mortuary after the statute of England. To the high alter of the sayd Depyng Jamys ijs. To the church warke vjs. viij*d*. To Corpus Xp'i gylde xxd. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys gylde xij*d*. To Jhesus gylde xij*d*. To the Plough light viij*d*. To the ij trelles light ich of them iiij*d*. I wyll that saynt Catheryne light be found of my coste from s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne day foloyng unto that day twelve monthe. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To Richerde my sonne the house that he dwellyth in at mychelmes foloyng, so that he pay to my doughtter Alice or her deputes viij markes or that he have any state in it yff my doughtter Alice lyff, and yff she dye I will that it be payd to my wyff at her disposycion. To my doughtter Alice besyde the viij marke, xxvjs. viij*d*. To my wyff all my goodes, [etc.], excepte my barke yerde and the contentes of it, and my barkyarde I gyffe equally betwyx my wyff and John my sonne whome I make executors, they to occupy it to Mayday cum twelve monethe, they to pay my dettes, [etc.]. And yff it please them to continew together, I will the same, and yff the on will departe from the other I will that my barkyerde be equally devydyd betwyxt my wyff [*sic*], by the good oversyght of my nyghbor John Curteys the yonger and Richerd my sonne, so that John my sonne be not put from [the] house that I dwell in, but that hys dwellyng may be in it with my wyff so long as they can agree, and my wyff marry from it he to have it; and yff she kepe her sole and can agre I will they do so. And also I will that they kepe Jenet Mathewe as well as she hath bene kepte. To my sone Thomas and my sone Henry ich of them v mark, and ich of them to be other heyres. To Richerde my sonne ij chyl dren ich of them xxd. To Elizabeth Gedney ijs. iiij*d*. To Paykyrke churche xxd., and to Offord churche xxd. To my nyghbor, John Curteyse the yonger, and to my son, Richerd Smyth, ich of them ijs. iiij*d*., whome I make oversears. Wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> vicar; sir Thomas Smyth; William Poole; John Curteys the elder; and John Curteyse the yonger; and John Atey; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Stamford, 2 March, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JENYT YNGYLL' [OF WIGTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 315d.]

22 November, 1530. I Jenet Yngylby of Wygtofte make my testament therein concludyng my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of the appostellys Peter and Paule in Wygtofte. To our Lady of Lincoln for offerynges forgotten vjd., and to the fatherles chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d*. To the high alter in Wygtofte churche for tithys forgottyn xij*d*., and a kyrchyff to be a corporax. To our Lady alter ther vjd., and a whyte vestment price iiij markes, and to the said alter a towell. To s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes alter vjd., and a kyrchyff to make a corporax. To the roode lyght iiij*d*., and to the hogners light iiij*d*. To the ploughe light iiij*d*., and to the chyrche warke ijs. iiij*d*. To every house of frerys in Boston a bushyll of barley. To fyve chyl der of Thomas Hunne every on



a wollyd schepe [*folio* 316]. To Cecill hys doughter iij wollyd schepe, ij fen burlynges and my best hark, [etc.]. To Jenet Dyconson, the doughter of Mawde. To Thomas Hunne the yonger a fen calffe. To John Newman a bayd nag and a bayd yong mare, a blak fen cowe, [etc.], upon thys condicion that he do leave Richerd Robynson them when he shall stande nede, and thon may forbere them. To Rose my daughter. To Thomas Hunne and to hys wyffe. To Richerd Robynson and to hys wyff. To Thomas Kent, Alice Cowke, Elizabeth Atkynson, Thomas Westfelde the yonger. To every other godsuns and goddoughters that I have on lyffe iiij*d*. I bewyt to sir Richerd wagys in too yeres xiijs. iiij*d*. To Richerd my servant. The resydue I will that it be devydyd emong my iij doughters, that is to say, Agnes, Mawde, and Rose, after my iij days be performyd, that is to say my buryall day, vij day, and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day, the frerys content and payd. I will that John Newman have the resydewe of my houshold stuffe, and all my croppys. All other thynges not bewyt nor gyffyn I will that John Atkynson have the custody of them for to pay my dettes, [etc.], and dispose for the helthe of my soule my husbandes and all my good frendes, and to kepe my obbyt yerlely with the valor of vjs. viij*d*. by the yere so long as the resydew of my goodes will extende, the wich forsayd John Atkynson I make my sole executor, and he to have for hys labor a horsse fole. Thes men beryng wytnes, sir Robert Walker ; sir Thomas Leeke ; Robert Kyme ; and Richerd Howsom ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. HOWSON [OF MININGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 319.]

23 November, 1530. I William Howson of Mynnyngesby makyth my testament. My body to be buryed in the church or chyrcherde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Mynnyngesby. To our Lady warkes in Lincoln xij*d*. To the parysh church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Mynnyngesby vjs. viij*d*. To the parysh church of Estkyrkby iijs. iiij*d*. To the parysh church of Comberworthe xij*d*. To sir Thomas Toly, parson of Mynnyngesby, vjs viij*d*. To Elizabeth Roote of Toynton. To Thomas Garnet, my servant. To Thomas Howson [*folio* 319*d*]. To Isabell my wyff the one halffe off all my stok. To John Howson, my sonne, the other halffe of my stok, and Robert Howson, my father, to have the gydyng therof to the proffyt of my chyldren. To Elizabeth Carre, my father servant. To sir Laurence Dykynson of Estkyrkby on amblyne fely. To Jane Holme of Mynnyngesby. To Philip my servant. To Libias Richerdson of Toynton. To William Ledale. To Robert Gunthorpe of Toynton. To John my sonne on chawffynge dyshe, [etc.]. To William Ledale. To Jenet Bole. To William Ledale. To Jenet Bray. I will that on trentall be done for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys in the monastery of Revesby, and every monke to have iiij*d*., and my lorde to have the reste. To my lorde of Revesby on amblyne fely, whome I make supervisor. The resydewe of all my goodes I gyff to Robert Howson, my fader, to Isabell my wyff, and to sir Laurence Dyconson of Estkyrkby, whome I orden executors. These witness, Thomas Toly, rector there ; Robert Wodhull ; Thomas Bray ; with others.

Proved before P., at Partney, 11 March, 1530-1. Administration granted to Isabell the relict ; Robert Howson and Lawrence Dykynson being meanwhile prevented by death.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WRYGHT [OF SCRAFELD].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 316d.]

25 November, 1530. I William Wryght of Scrafelde make my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Michel of Scrafelde, and my mortuary accordyng to the lawe. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Michel of Scrafelde *xijd.* To the church warke of Carlton *xijd.* I will that my brother sir Richerd, the parson of Scrafelde, have *xxd.* to pray for me. To Robert Jakson, my sone in lawe. The resydue of my goodes nott wytt I gyff to Jenet my wyff and Agnes my doughter, whome I make my executrices. I make William Jakson, my wyff son, to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Rowghe ; Rycherd Bowde ; Thomas Beste ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 10 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LYTYLL [OF GREAT GRIMSBY].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 353.]

26 November, 1530. I John Lyttyll of Gret Grymesby makes my will. My body to be buryed in the kyrkegarthe of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys. I witt to our Lady church of Lincoln *xijd.* I witt to the high alter for tithys forgottyn *ijs.* I witt to Robert Hill. To Thomas Watson wyffe. To Johanne Johnson, my doughter sonne, *xiijs. iiijd.* To the Augustyn frerys to pray for me *iijs. iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Frauncys frerys *xijd.* To Patryk Hanslay and my doughter hys wyff all my landes and tenementes that I have within the towne of Grymesby and without, to have and to holde [*folio 353d.*] to them and ther heyres and assignes for ever, for the wiche I will that my sayd sonne and doughter and ther heyres fynde on obbyt yerly duryng fifty yeres to the valour of *ijs.* by yere, to be gyffyn to sex prestes with in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Grymesby for syngyng messe and dirige of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn day the byshop, every prest *iiijd.*, and the awner of the same tenementes and landes shall cause the belman to go about the towne to warne all weldisposyd people to cum theder and to pray for all crystyn soulys. And yff the sayd Patryk and hys wyff do not fulfyll thys my last will than I will that the mare and chambrelanes of thys towne for tyme beyng enter and occupy one house and a crofte that I have by indenture of the coimunalte of thys burgh as in the same indenture more playnly doth apere, and thay to do the same obbyt and to have and inioy the same house and crofte to them and ther successores duryng my yeres. The resydue of all my goodes not wit I gyff and wit to Patryk Hanslay, whom I make my executor. Thes wytnes, the prior of the frerys Augustyns, Bryan Curtes ; John Balyff ; William Bonde ; and other.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 27 April, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD HANKCOKE [OF EAST KEAL].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 300d.]

28 November, 1530. I Richerd Hankcok of Esterkele makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of

s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Esterkele, and that for my mortuary as the law requiryth. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high alter one of my best schepe. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne gylde ij*d*. To Jhesus gylde ij*d*. To Thomas my sonne. I will that my wyff cause v messys to be sayd of the v woundes of our Lorde afore the blessyd sacrament in Esterkele for the helth of my soule. The resydue of my goodes I gyff frely to Margaret my wyff, wich I make my executrix. These wytnes, Thomas Algarthe ; Richerde Bawes ; Thomas Hamund.

Proved before P., at Bollyngbrok, 9 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS GEE [OF BIRTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 311.]

30 November, 1530. I Thomas Gee of Byrthorp makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche porche of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Sempyngham. I will my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, and my parte to be takyn forth of the hole, and the other ij partes to Anne my wyff. To Thomas my sonne and Anne my daughter and Elizabeth my daughter xl. To m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempyngham xxs. To the parysh churche of Sempyngham to by them a crosse clothe xs., and vjs. viij*d*. to by a stone to lay uppon my grave. To Aslakby parysh churche vjs. viij*d*. to by a crosse clothe. To m<sup>r</sup> Humfrey Walcotte xs. To Thomas Loughton, baly of Aslakby, vjs. viij*d*. To the reparacions of the churche of Byrthrop vs. To sir Robert Gee vjs. viij*d*. I will at the day of my buryall the vij<sup>th</sup> day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day xl. to be delte for me. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To every prest in Sempyngham iiij*d*. To every novesse ij*d*. To the priorisse v*d*. To every none iiij*d*. To every syster ij*d*. To Anne Gee. To Helene Sygrave. To the chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns of Lincoln iiij*d*. I make An my wyff executrix, and m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempyngham my [*folio 311d*.] supervisor.

Wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> prior off Sempyngham ; the prior of s<sup>t</sup> Savyers ; Adam Sygrave of Stowe ; John Coumerworthe of Sempyngham ; with many others.

Proved before P., at Burne, 3 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. STEVENSON [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 318.]

3 December, 1530. I William Stevenson of Fryskney makes thys my last testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys in Fryskney. To my curat iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*., and to the church warke of Fryskney iiij*d*. To every gylde in the forsayd church iiij*d*. To every ordre of the frerys in Boston iiij*d*. To John and William my sonnys on ferme lying at the Cotesydes that I have by copy with the mosys and dalys therto belongyng, callyd Pynder toftes, for the terme of my yeres, payng by the yere to my lady Taylboys xs. To William my sonne my eldest cote for to make him a cote of. To every on of my daughters of my wyffes and myn. To my father my chamlet dooblet, [etc.], and all my see geare. To William my sonne on lytle chyste the wich was hys mothers. To my father my ferme callyd Damme house belongyng to my lady Taylboys for the terme of my yeres, payng by the yere to the forsayd lady Taylboys xxxvjs. To



sir John Jeffrayson. To sir John Walys, vjs. viiij*d.*, whome I make the oversear. To Thomas Godfrey iijs. iiij*d.* for my testament makyng. The resydue of my goodes I will that my father have them to put them to the best proffyt for my chylder that he thynkes best, whome I make my executor. Wytnesses, sir John Walys; Arthure Cowtam; John Cok; and Laurence Wyetson.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARWYK [OF WELTON LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 267*d.*]

4 December, 1530. I John Harwyk of Welton next Lowthe makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Welton. I wyt to our Lady warke of the cathedrall churche of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the hygh alter of the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Welton vj*d.*, and to the warke of the same xij*d.*, and to the alter of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas in the sayd churche xx*d.* I wyt to Thomas Harwyk, my sone. I wyt to sir William Nutthaike. I wyt to Thomas Harwyk, my brother. I wyt to John Harcher the yonger. I wyt to Hewes Dowsse. The resydewe of all my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth Harwyk, my wyffe, whome I make executor. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Beche, the parson; Wylliam Wytton; William Hyrrl; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 21 January, 1530-1. Administration of the goods granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD GRANGER [OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 394.]

5 December, 1530. I Richerd Granger of South Ormesby makyth my last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Leonerde in Southormesby, with that that the lawe requiryth in the name of my mortuary. To the high altare of the same churche for forgottyn tithys xvj*d.* To the same churche xij*d.* To our Lady in our mother churche of Lincoln xij*d.* To our Ladys warke of the same iiij*d.* To the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret in Swaby vj*d.* To the churche in Calceby iiij*d.* To the churches in Brynkyll, Bagenderby, Somersby, Tetforthe, and s<sup>t</sup> Margaret in Kettesby iiij*d.* each. To my doughttter Jenet vjs. viij*d.*, [etc.]. To Alyson my doughttter a browne qwyte, xs., [etc.]. I will yff one of my doughtters departe before the other or they cum to lafull age then I will that ether of them be heyr to the other, and yff they bothe departe or they cum to lafull age, I wyll that Malde my wyff be heyr to them. To George Irlande xs. to helpe my wyff in felde and towne in her nede. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Malde my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for the helthe of my soule, [etc.]. Thes wytnesses, Richerd Stapulforthe, preste; William Helvys; Richerd Helvys; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ELYSABET' CAMMOK [OF TATTERSHALL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 316*d.*]

8 December, 1530. I Elizabeth Cammok of the parysh of Tateshall makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed within the

holy chyrch yerde of the Holy Trinite of the parysh of Tateshall. To the high alter for forgottyn tithys xij*d.* To the parysh alter iiij*d.* To the bellys iiij*d.* To the church of Byllyngay iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln vj*d.*, and unto the Red arke vj*d.* To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d.* To Henry Lyster. To the parysh prest xij*d.*, with a lyn kyrchyff. To my yongest sonne Rolland iiij dublers, [etc.]. To the parysh clerke iiij*d.* To Elizabeth my doughter in lawe. To Mawde Farom a kyrtle, with ij kyrchyffes vnto her chylderen. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff unto Jamys Burrell, my sonne, the wiche Jamys I make executor. Thyres wytnes, sir John Monke; Mathew Pawstone; Robert Fysher; Richerd Burrell; Richerd Symys; with many other moy.

Proved before P., at Tateshall, 9 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN RAYNER [OF THORGANBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 328.]

10 December, 1530. I John Rayner of Thurganby makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the kyrkeyerde of All Halloys in Thurganby. To the high alter in Thurganby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To our Lady warke of the same viij*d.* To the kyrke off Thurganby vjs. viij*d.* To the church of Hatclyff xij*d.* To the kyrk of Swynhope xij*d.* To Croxby kyrk xij*d.* To the nonnys of Irforthe xij*d.* To John Rayner, my sonne. To Alyson my doughter xls. To Margaret my doughter xxs. To Jenet my doughter xxs. The resydue of all my goodes not wyt nor bequethyd I gyff to Jenet my wyff and John my sonne, whom I make my executors, and Alice Wyndyll to be supervisor. Thys recorde, sir Robert Geill, clerk; Robert Panton; and John Ranyer; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Markyt Rasyn, 17 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BEYTT [OF BRANT BROUGHTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 386.]

13 December, 1530. I Robart Bett, hole of mynd and reson, never the lesse takyn with bodyly infyrmite and sekenes, makes my last wyll and testament. My body to be buryd in my paressh church yard of saynt Hellyn of Brantbrogton. To the hy auter xij*d.* To owr Lady warkes of Lyncoln viij*d.* I will that ij oxen and ij weders be solde to dispose for my sole helthe. To Rogar my yowngyst sone my best cow, my best why [etc.]. To John my sone. To William my sone. To William Brande, my sone in law, my part of on bond wayne. The resedew of all my goodes I will yt be devided to my said iij sonys and William Brande. Also I make the said William Brande and John my sone to be my executryxes. Thes beryng witnesses, sir Thomas Hyrd, paressh prest; Thomas Harber; John Cralle; with other.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 27 February, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. MEDLAY [OF EAST RAVENDALE].

[L.C.C., 1538-40, f. 78.]

14 December, 1530. I John Medlay of Estrandall makes this my testament. My body to be berryd in the church yerde of sant Martyn

of Estrandall. To our Lady of Lyncoln vjd. To our Lady warkes of Lyncoln vjd. To the hye altare of Est Randall for tythes and oblacyons forgottyn iijs. iiijd. To Wylliam Medlay, my son, ij yowys and ij lammys and a horse or elles a mere. To Issabell my dowghter one cowbert and vj yerdys of lyne cloth, [etc.]. To Edmund my sone iiij markes. To Thomas my sone one cove and a horse. To John Medlay a calve. To Edward Medlay a qwey calve and a schepe hoke. To Robert Tymson ij yoyes and a lame. To John Huson a schepp. To [John<sup>1</sup>] Betterys Thymson ij lyne schettes, [etc.]. To John Thyne a qwey. To Anys Medlay vij yerdes of hardyn cloth. To Issabell Medlay a yowe. To John Thyne and Issabell Thyne a hoge schepp. To Xp'ofor Pynyng a lame. The resydew of my godes I gyffe to Androwe Medlay, my sone, whome I make my executor to dysposse for the helth of my soule. I wyll William Medlay, my sonne, to be my supervysor. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Westoby, curat; Robert Ravyn; Richard Butler; with other moo.

Proved before Pope, at Irby, 18 July, 1538.

[THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS THORNTON OF BELTOFT].

[Stow, 1530-52, f. 6d.]

14 December, 1530. I Thomas Thorton [*sic*] of Beltoft in the paryche of Belton in the Ile of Axholme seke of body makes my testament and last wyll. My body to be beryed in the churche zerd of Alaloys of Belton. To the hyght auter in Belton for tythes forgotten xxd. I wytt to ower Ladys warke in Lincoln iiijd. To the pariche churche of Belton vs. To the rode lyght in Belton iiijd. To plught lyght of the same iiijd. To evere lyght in the churche of Belton that here after inschewyth ijd., that ys to say ower Lady of Pitty lyght, ower Lady of Grace lyght, sanct Savyor lyght, sanct John lyght, sanct Margett lyght, sanct Antony lyght, and sanct Sondag lyght. I wyl that one trentall off masses be sayd for my sowlle in contenent after my dethe. To every one of my sone Robert chyld vjs. viijd. To every on of my sone John chyld vjs. viijd. To every on of the chylder of Robert Mody vjs. viijd. To John Talyour, the sone of Thomas Talyour, vjs. viijd. To Isabell Thekar iijl. vjs. viijd. I gyff xijd. toward makyng of a churche clothe, wyche cloth is to be occupied at weddynges and churche sekyngs. To Wylliam Thorneton, son of John Thorneton, my sone, iiij selions of lande arabull the wyche I have mayd John Newland of Beltoft my attorney to delyver to the sayd William Thorneton lauffull astayt for me and in my name as I were ther personally present what soo ever, and when my sayd attorney doth in the premises I doo admytt after tenor forme and affect of thys my wyll and dede. The resydew of my guddes I gyff to John my son and Elezabeth my wyff, whome I make my executores. In wittnes that this is my last wyll and dede, John Newland of Beltoft; Steven Walcottes; and Jamys Populwell; and other mo.

Proved at Belton, 27 March, 1530<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Struck out.

<sup>2</sup> This should probably be 1531.



## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SHERMAN [OF BOOTHBY GRAFFOE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 348.]

15 December, 1530. I John Sherman makes my last will. My body to be buryd within the church yerde of Bothby. To the high alter *vjd.* and to the bellys *vjd.*, and to our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To my sonne Henry *vjs. viiijd.* in sylver, [etc.]. To my doughter Adelyne *vjs. viiijd.* in money, [etc.]. To my doughter Elizabeth *vjs. viiijd.* in money, [etc.]. To my doughter Jane *vjs. viiijd.* in money, [etc.]. To the *iiij* orders of frerys of Lincoln *iiij* strykes of barly, and to *iiij* godchylder *iiij* strykes of barly. I gyff *xxd.* to a preste to say *v* messys of the *v* woundes. And the resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alyson my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose or cause to be disposyd for my soule, my frendes soulys, and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Hamond, prest; John Borradaile; and Thomas Thorpe; with other moy; and my brother, John Warde, supervisor.

Proved before P., at Braunceton, 21 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COKE [OF HOUGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 307.]

16 December, 1530. I John Coke of Hougham make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of All Halloys of Hougham. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *vjd.* To the high alter of Hougham for forgottyn tithys di' quarter of barly. To the Trinite gylde of Marston *xijd.* To Isabell and Margaryt my daughters. To William and Richerd my sones. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Jenet my wyff and to William my sone, whome I orden executors. Also I will that John Master be my supervysor, and he to have for hys labor *iijs. iiijd.* Thes wytnes, sir John Wymarke, parysh prest; Richard Lee; John Master; Thomas Lee; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 27 February, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HOWSON [OF EAST KIRKBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 319d.]

16 December, 1530. I Robert Houson of the parysh of Estkyrkby makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the church or churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Estkyrkby. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *xijd.* To the high alter in Estkyrkby for tithys forgottyn *xijd.* To a light to be kepte afore the sacrament in Estkyrkby *xijd.*, and the forsayd *xijd.* for to be takyn yerly of my housys in Estkyrkby so long as the forsayd housses standyth. To Thomas Houson, my cosyn, on new orege cote clothe and on kendall cote. To the parysh churches of Estkyrkby, Mynnyngesby, Hawnby, s<sup>t</sup> Laurence of Revesby, on cremysyn dooblet, and the sayd dooblet to be devydyd into *iiij* equall partes, and they *iiij* partes to be mayd into *iiij* corporak casys, and everyon of the *iiij* paryshes to have one. To the sayd Thomas Howson, my cosen, *vjs. viiijd.* owt of my own landes in Anderby and Hawnby, and he and hys heyres to pay yerly to *vj* prestes *ijs.* for ever in Comberworth. To the fyndyng of a light afore the sacrament in the said church *xijd.*, and the forsayd Thomas and hys heyres to pay the forsayd *xijd.* yerly for ever of the forsayd lande. To the forsayd Thomas Houson on sylver pees with

iiij sylver sponys. To Elizabeth Carre, my servant, my housses in Estkyrkby duryng her lyff after the decess of my wyff. To Thomas Garnyt, my servant, on house in Gret Carleton with one pyngle namyd Mawkyn garthe of the condicion that he will be good and diligent to my wyff, hys awnte, or ellys not to have it. To every on of my servantes. To Libeas Richerdson. To Elizabeth Carre, my servant. To the parysh church of Mynnyngesby xxd. To the parysh church of Hareby xijd. To the parysh church of Hagneby xijd. To William Ledale. To William Fysher my best orege cote. To Thomas Toly, parson of Mynnyngesby, iijs. iiijd. I will that yff Isabell my sonnys wyff lyff that then she shall have all the hole stok of William my sonne, [etc.], and Thomas Housson to have kepyng and gydyng theroff to the use and proffyt of my sonnys chylde. And yff it fortune my sonnys wyff to decesse and dye that then my sonnys chylde to have the on halffe of my sonnys stok and Thomas Houson to have gydyng of my sonnys chylde. To Thomas Houson, my cosyn, hys heyres and assynges, xvijjs. yerly of my land in Gaton aftyr the decese of my wyff. To Rawffe a Grene of Parteney iijs. iiijd. I will that Agnes my wyff shall have the possession of all my houses and landes the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decese for to be disposyd accordyng to my will. I will that on trentall be done for the helthe of my soule in the monastery of Revesby. To the parysh church of Cumberworthe vjs. viijd. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Agnes Houssen, my wyffe, and to Thomas Housson, my cosyn, whome I orden executors, and m<sup>r</sup> Gyles Heron to be supervisor. These witnesses, Thomas Toly, rector of Mynnyngesby; Libeas Richardson of Toynton; Ambrose [blank] of Stykney; with many others.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530-1. Administration granted to Agnes the relict, she having been sworn in form of law, Thomas Housson, the other executor, refusing.

[THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HAUKYNYS OF EPWORTH].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 6. *Collated with another copy at f. 44.*]

19 December, 1530. I John Haukyns of Eppworth make my testament. My body to be byryed in the churcheyerde of sanct Andrew in Eppworth. To Elezabeth my doughtter. To Thomas Haukyn.<sup>1</sup> To Alyce my doughtter. To Roger Ratclyff<sup>2</sup> a yonge stagge, a flect qwe, vjs. viijd., [etc.]. To John Crovston.<sup>3</sup> To Myles Percey. To our blysyd Lady of Lincoln iiijd. To the hyght altar xijd. The resydew of my goodes I be sett to Robert my son and Myles Percey, whome I make my executores, by the supervisiōne of syr Thomas Thew, curat ther, whom I make my supervisor. Thes men beryng wittnes, sir Thomas Thew; Thomas Dyke; Thomas Rydar; with other moo. Also I wyll that my executores sell my ij oxone and dispose for my sowlle and my wyffes, parte in Eppworth church<sup>4</sup> and parte in Dancaster at the gray frears there as the money [sic].

Proved 27 March, 1530<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 'Hawkyn' at f. 44.

<sup>2</sup> 'Ratlyff' at f. 44.

<sup>3</sup> 'Crooston' at f. 44.

<sup>4</sup> 'church' is omitted at f. 44.

<sup>5</sup> This should probably be 1531.

[THE TESTAMENT OF ISABEL SMYTH OF COTES IN THE PARISH OF SCOTTER].  
[STOW, 1530-52, f. 8.]

19 December, 1530. I Isabell Smyth of Cottes in the parriche of Scotter makes thys my testament and last wyl. My body to be buryed in the churche zerde of sanct Petur of Scotter. To the hyght awter of sanct Petur for thythes forgotten iiij*d*. To the warke of ower mother holy churche of ower blyssed Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Robert Wanman and Elezabet Wanman, the chylder of John Wanman. To Ales and Agnes my daughters. The resydew to James Smyth, my son, qwome I ordayn my executure for to disspose for the helth of my sawll and all my frenddes saulles that it may be to the plesure of God and to all the sanctes in heuen. I make sir John Hamond, Wylliam Rogerson, Tostyne Rogerson, my broder, and Wylliam Holand lawfull supervisures, and to be governores of the sayd James Smyth, my sone. Thes wyttness, sir Henry Brught, curatt; Wylliam Cogan; and Wylliam Holand, with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FROW [OF CADNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 325*d*.]

23 December, 1530. I John Frowe of Cadney makes my testament and last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of All Halloys of Cadney. To the hygh alter of Cadney for tithys forgottyn iiij*d*. To the churche of Cadney xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln v*d*. To st Savior warke of Houson on bushyll of barly. I wyll that all my goodes aftyr my decease be devydyd in thre partes, my wyff to have on parte and my chylder to have a nother parte emong them all; and the thyrdre parte of my goodes I will that my wyff have, the on halffe to bryng up her chylder with, and the other halffe to bere the chargys of my buryall; and the resydue that leffes to be devydyd [*folio* 326] emonges my chylder. To John Fraw the elder, my sone. To Robert Ottyngham x*d*., whome I make supervisor. The resydue of my goodes I give to Jenet my wyff and John Fraw the elder, my sonne, whome I make my executors. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir Phylip Burton; Robert Cottyngham; John Maydynwell; Laurence Bell; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castor, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD LIELL [OF ASHBY IN BOTTESFORD].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 2*d*. *Collated with another copy at f. 44.*]

25 December, 1530. Witnes that Richard Liell<sup>1</sup> of Askby makyth my will. My body to be buryed in the church of Peter and Paule of Botnesford. To the said church v*s*. viij*d*. To the hye awter of the same viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the chapell of saynt Gyles of Askby xij*d*. To Robert Fuller a lame. I will have a trentall of messys donne for my saull and all criston saulles. I will that myn executors gyffe to Jenyt Liell and [*folio* 3] Esabell Liell,

<sup>1</sup> 'Bell' at f. 44 by a copyist's error.



daughters of John Liell, when the come to lawfull age iiij markes of money or elles other guddes to the vallew therof. To Richard Liell, my sonne, xl. To Dorothe Liell my daughter, vjl. xiijs. iiij*d.* Residew of my guddes my dettes payd I giffe to Esabell my wiffe and to Robert Liell my son, whom I make my trew executors to dispose them to the helth of my saull. Thies beyng witnes, Richard Parkyn; John Fuller; Thomas Liell; with other.

Proved before Henry Litherland, 6 February, 1530-1. Administration granted to Robert Liell, an executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. KEPE [OF DRY DODDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 307*d.*]

27 December, 1530. I William Kepe off Dodyngton makyth thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of Westborow of All Halloys. To the high alter of Westborow iiij*d.* To Dodyngton chapell iiij*d.* To Dodyngton brygges iiij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d.* To William my sonne. To hys sone. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff unto Margret my wyff and John my sonne, whome I make executors. I make Richerd Jakson supervysor, and he to have for hys labor ijs. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Harmeston; William Hoyse; and William Kepe. I bequeth unto my godchylder every on of them iiij*d.*, and to my doughttter Isabell a qwyte.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 27 February, 1530-1.

[WILL OF THOMAS BACON OF WEST FERRY].

[Stow, 1530-52, f. 7. *Collated with another copy at f. 45.*]

28 December, 1530. I Thomas Bacon in West Fery of the pariche of Oweston<sup>1</sup>, grettly and greuously seke of my body, makes thys my last wyll. My body to be byryed in the churche zerde of sanct Marten of Oweston. To the hye awter of the same for tythes forgotten xij*d.* To Thomas my son one acar of medow, lying of the sowthe syde of new lane, for the space of xx<sup>ti</sup> zeres next folowyng after my dethe. To Robert my son and to Margett my daughter my land in Gunthorpe<sup>2</sup> to be devyded by twyxt them. To my daughter Marion, and to Alis my daughter. To my daughters Johan and Margaret. To Robert my son, one horse callyd Morell. To my son Thomas. I bequethe for a trenttall of messes to be sayd for my soulle and all crysten soules xs. To Thomas my son on half of a botte with hys brother Nicolas called a skawde. I wyll that Margaret my wyff have her thurdes the sextterschyp nott with standyng to helpe to bryng vp the thre smalle chyl dren. The resydew of my guddes I gyff to Marget my wyff and to Nicolas Bacon, my son, whome I make my executores to dispose for the welth of my soulle, [etc.]. Thes wyttnes, Thomas Lawton; Thomas Snaw; John Deuyas; and Jamys Stanton; and I bequeth to every on of them iiij*d.*

Proved at Belton, 27 March, 1530.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 'Cawston' at f. 45.

<sup>2</sup> 'Gutthorp' at f. 45.

<sup>3</sup> A mistake for 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. BAGOTT [OF NORTH SOMERCOTES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 322d.]

28 December, 1530. I William Bagot of Northsomerccotes makes thys my hole and last will. My body to be buryed in the kyrke off Northsomerccotes. I bequeth for my lying in the kyrke of North Somercotes vjs. viiij*d*. To our mother kyrke of Lincoln to our Lady warke xij*d*. To the high alter of Northsomerccotes for oblacions forgottyn iijs. iiij*d*. To the kyrke warke of Skydbroke iijs. iiij*d*. I will that a prest celebrat the space of on yere for the helth of my soule and all my benefactors soulys in the parysh kyrke off Northsomerccotes. I will that Jenet my wyff haue all my housholde goodes, and she to wonne of the ferme to Mayday nexte, and she to haue to her fyndyng parte of the corne as she mysters. To Jenet my syster ij yowys. To Margaret West, my servant. To Agnes Weste. To euery on of my godchylder beyng in lyff iiij*d*.

Thys is the last will of me William Bagott of Northsomerccotes of all my houssynges and landes tenementes and rentes that I haue within the countie of Lincoln. To John Bagot, my sonne, all my landes tenementes and rentes to hym and to hys heyres of hys body lafully begotten aftyr the terme and ende of iiij yeres. And yff it so happyn that the sayd John Bagot decease without heyres of hys body, then I will that all the sayd landes and tenementes with all the appurtennces shall remayn to the next heres of the sayd William Bagot for euer, and to ther heyres of ther bodyes; and then they to make a yerely obbyt in the parysh kyrke of Northsomerccotes for the wele of my soule and my wyffes and all crysten soulys, and they to ware of the sayd obbyt vjs. The resydew of all my goodes not wyt I gyff and wytt to John Bagot my sone and to John Gonnelde of Northsomerccotes the elder, whome I make my faythfull executors that they may dispose for the helthe of my soule as they thynke best, with the help and counsill off Edward Madyson of Hull, merchand of the staple of Calys, whome I make supervisor, and he to haue for hys labor xxs. Thes wytnes, sir William Aylbe, vicar; Robert Dysney; Thomas Parnyll; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Mukton, 13 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF GERG DERSE [OF RANBY].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 383d.]

28 December, 1530. I George Dersse of Ranby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> German in Ranby. To the high altare in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> German of Ranby for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the churche of All Halloys in Legborne ijs. To the churche of All Halloys in Scamylsby viij*d*. To the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Andro in Donyngton viij*d*. To Elizabeth my doughtter and my heyr certain lande lying within the felde of Legborne the whiche lande is one yere vjs. and another yere iijs. To George Gybbon. To George Burne. To Margaret Burne. I gyff and resygne to Alyson my wyff the copy of my house and lande lying within the towne and felde of Ranby. The resydue of all my goodes I bequethe to Alyson my wyff,

whome I make executrix. Also I make Thomas Bray of Ranby supervisor, and he to have for hys labor iijs. iiij*d*. Wytnes heroff, sir Thomas Netylton, vicare; Thomas Bray; William Beysby; Robert Care; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 10 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF STEUEN HERNES [OF LEAKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 386*d*.]

28 December, 1530. I Stewen Hermes [*sic*] of Leeke makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the churche of Leeke. In the name of my mortuary that the law requireth. To the anowrmentes and gyldyng of our Lady in Leeke churche iijs. iiij*d*. To the anowrmentes of the hy awter in the said churche viij*d*. To every other awter in the said churche ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln for offring xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Kateryns withowt Lincoln iiij*d*. To the parsonys for forgotten tythis iiij*d*. To the byldyng of the new stepull in Leeke vjs. To the reparacion of Wrangle churche iijs. iiij*d*. To every on of my god chylderne on shepe. To sir John Scott for on trentale syngyng in Leeke churche for my sole and all crysten sollys xs. To on prest to syng halfe a trentalle in Wrangle churche vs. for my sole and all my frendes solles. To William Larkes the elder on shepe. To Richard Larkes on shepe. To Richard Hymlyn. To Robart Whetley. To Margret Larkes, Agnes Larkes, William Larkes the yowngar, Thomas Larkes, Hugo Larkes, and Rose Larkes on shepe apiece. To Agnes Hernes on cow. To Alice Randull xxd. To Margret Larkes iijs. iiij*d*. To Margret Larkes and Syble Hernes on cow to be devided betueyx them. To Richard Horthrow. To Thomas Howson ijs. vj*d*. To Agnes Gray iiij*d*. To Jenet Armyn ijs. To Alice Armyn xij*d*. The resydew of my goodes I gyffe to William Larkes and Alice Hernes, whom I make executryx, and I gyff to other of them for there labur xxs. Thes witnesse, John Paynson; Richard Arthrow; and Richard Hymlyn; with other.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS FOWLLER [OF POTTER HANWORTH].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 79.]

3 January, 1530-1. I Thomas Fowler of Potterhanworthe makes my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Andro of Potterhanworth. To the high alter of Potterhanworth for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To the bellys of Potterhanworth iijs. iiij*d*. To the high altare of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln every house iiij*d*. To the prior of Nocton Parke a trentall, or ellys to hys brethern. To sir John Fowler, my sone, a fetherbed, a chyst, and a chamlet dooblet. To William Fowler, my sone, v yowes and lammys, a jaket, and a muke carte. To Agnes my doughter, the wyff of Robert Thomsone of Nocton, a gowne, and to every one of her chyldren a yowe with a lamme. To Johan Thomsone, the doughter of Robert Thomsone of Nocton, a brasse potte. To Thomas Carter, sun of William Carter of Potterhanworthe, a yow with a marked lamme. Also the resydue of my goodes unbequethyd I gyff to my wyff, whome I make executrix for to dispose for the helthe of my soule,



by the sight of my supervisor, William Red, whome I make, as they thynke best. Thes wytnes, sir John Holforthe ; Richerd Borell ; Thomas Stokes ; Hugh Hell ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Wadyngton, 21 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HEWTON [OF ELSHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 326.]

4 January, 1530-1. I John Hewton of Ellesham makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of All Halloys of Ellesham. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *xijd.* To the high alter of Ellesham for tithys forgottyn *iiijd.* To st Peter gilde and our Lady gylde of Ellesham *viiijd.* To the church warke of Wrawby *iiijd.* To John Hewton. To John Hewton junior. To Helene Hewton. To Richerd Hewton. To Margaret Hewton *xxs.* in money, [etc.]. To Helene Hewton *xxs.* in money, [etc.]. To the vicar of Ellesham *viijs.* To Elizabeth my wyff on house with the purtenances in Wrawby for the terme of her lyff. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff and Robert my sonne evenly to be devydyd betwyxt them, and I will that they be my executors. Thes men wytnes, sir John Whaplode, vicar ; William Holme ; John Bothby ; and William Kenson ; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Castor, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BRANDON [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 235.]

7 January, 1530-1. I William Brandon the elder of Soterton makes my testament. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of our most blessyd Lady of Sotterton and my mortuary aftyr the new actes. To the high alter of our Lady of Soterton for tithys forgottyn *xijd.* To the anowermente of every altare in the sayd churche *ijd.*, and to the church warke ther *iijs.* *iiijd.* To the high altare of the holy appostelles Peter and Paule in Algerkyrke for tithys forgottyn *xijd.* To the church warke of our mother churche in Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orpans of saynt Catheryns without the wallys ther *ijd.* I wyll that one cownter that standyth in my hall stande styll in my house, and one gret chyste in my chamber be had to my mansion at Algerkyrke, and ther to continew styll. To Henry Brandon, my sonne, my horse mylne, [etc.]. To John Brandon, my sonne, one stag of ij yeres olde, [etc.]. To Jahn Brandon, my doughter one beste callyd a qwye. I will that the resydue of all my housholde stuff be devydyd by evyn porcion betwyxte Catheryne my wyff and Jane Brandon, my doughter, sone aftyr my decease, and the porcion of Jane my doughter to be had in save kepyng to the sayd Jane cum unto the age of xv yeres ; and yff she decease before that age I will that the sayd parte remane to Henry and John my sonnys. To Henry Brandon, my sonne, aftyr my decease, my mansion wher I wonne in Soterton with the appurtenances one acre and di' arable lyng in a certen felde callyd Qwehte crofte, *iiij* rode arable lyng be Toller heges, half one acre pastre lying at More gate in the parysh of Wygtofte, *v* rode pastre lyng at Bellande bryke, one acre and one halffe pastre lying in Algerkyrk that I purchesyd of Thomas Gebon, under thys condicion foloyng that the sayd Henry Brandon, my sone, or who shall have the

aforesayd mansion, [etc.], shall yerly pay to Katheryne my wyff his mother the terme of her lyff at the day of s<sup>t</sup> Michell tharchaungell xs. sterlyng ; and for fawte of payment I will it shall be lafull to the sayd Catheryne aftyr viij days next foloyng [*folio* 235*d.*] the aforesayd date to streyn and the stresses to dryve and kepe away unto the tyme the sayd xs. be payd. To John Brandon, my sonne, aftyr my decease, one mansion with the appurtenances as it lyes in Algerkyrke conteyned [*sic*] vij acres, under thys condicion that the sayd John, or who shall have the premises, yerly pay to Catheryne my wyff, hys mother, the terme of her lyff at the day of the holly appostelles Phylip and Jamys, the wich is the fyrste day of May, xs. sterlyng, [etc.]. Also I will that Henry Brandon and John Brandon, my sonnys, and ther goodes and landes be at the gydyng and honeste fyndyng of Catheryne my wyff, ther mother, unto the tyme that the sayd Catheryne be maryd. And yff she be not marryed unto the tyme that the aforesayd Henry or John our chyldren be the age of xvij yeres, and yff she be maryed then I will that she have and be contente with her annuite of xxs., as it is afore rehersed, the tyme upon her lyff naturall, and then Henry my sone to have the proffyt of hys landes afore rehersed and John my sone have the proffyt of hys landes afore rehersed. I will that vij rode arrable lande in Crabdane and in Algerkyrk remayn to Catheryne my wyff the terme of her lyff. Yff she decease or Jane Brandon our doughter cum unto the age of xvij yeres, then I will that the vij rode remane to the sayd Jane Brandon our doughter unto the sayd Jane be xvij yeres of age, at which age I will the vij rode remane to Henry Brandon, my sonne, and to hys heyres or assygnes. To Jane Brandon, my doughter, aftyr my decease, to her bryngyng up iij acres pastre lying in Algerkyrke in Crabdane [*sic*] end, callyd Sedyke tofte, to the aforesayd Jane cum to the age of xvij yeres, then I will that it remane to John Brandon, my sone, under thys condicion that he pay to the forsayd Jane hys syster iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* sterlyng. And yff he [*folio* 236] decease then I will that Henry Brandon, my sone, pay to Jane, hys syster, iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* when she is at the age of xvij yeres. I will that yff Herry decease before the age off xvij yeres or unmarried then I will that hys mansion and landes remane to John Brandon, my sone, hys heyres, or assygnes, and if he decease afore he cum to xvij yeres or unmarried, they shall remane to Henry Brandon, my sone, to hys heyres or assygnes, and if he decease afore he cum to xvij yeres or unmarried they shall remane to Jane Brandon my doughter to her heyres and assygnes. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Catheryne Brandon, my wyff, whome I make my executrix to bryng my body to holly moldes, and dispose for the helthe of my soule, etc. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Wryght, parysh preste ; William Bokke ; and Wylliam Hobson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 22 May, 1531, by the executrix.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ROBYNSON [OF FULSTOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 324.]

8 January, 1530-1. I John Robynson of Fulstowe settes my will, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the church yerde in Fulstowe. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Laurence church in Fulstow xx*d.* To the

high alter in Fulstowe iiij*d*. To the church of Marchechapell vj*d*. The resydew of my goodes to be devydyd in thre partes, on to my wyff, the secunde to the chylder, the iij parte for my selffe, my rentes and dettes to be payd of the hole, and Mawde my wyff to be my executor and Xp'ofer Dawson and William Madyson to be my supervisors, and they to have xx*d*. for ther labor. Thes wytnes, sir Richerd Raynolde, vicar ; William Swynne ; Jamys Rede ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 14 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE HOWDEN [OF DARBY.]

[STOW, 1530-52, ff. 5, 43*d*.]

10 January, 1530-1. I Alece Howden of Derby besides Burton, widow. My body to be buryed within the holy grownd in the parishe where yt shall please God I shall depart out of this transitori life. I will that Robert Howden and Thomas Howden, my sonnys, shall honestly cause me to be brought to the grownd with suche guddes as God hath indued me withall. And the residue of all my guddes I gyffe to the same Robert and Thomas my sonns, wyche I make my executores. Thies bering witnes, sir William Longshaw, vicar of Burton ; George Wodmanpole, prest ; Thomas Longstafe ; Robert Timbere ; and other.

Proved at Apulbe, 28 March, 1531.

TESTAMENTUM W. WRYGHT [DE WOLDNEWTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 403.]

In Dei nomine Amen anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo videlicet decimo tercio die mensis Januarii ego Willelmus Wryght de Woldnewton compos mentis 7 sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do 7 lego animam meam omnipotenti Deo beate Marie 7 omnibus sanctis [corpus] meum sepeliendum in cemeterio omnium Sanctorum de Woldnewton predicta. Item lego summo altari ibidem pro priuatis 7 oblitis decimis xs. Item lego ecclesie parochiali ibidem xx*d*. Item lego fraternitati resurrectionis Domini ibidem xij*d*. Item lego summo altari beate Marie Lincolniensis vj*d*. Item lego fabrice beate Marie ibidem vj*d*. Item lego singulis ecclesiis de Bynbroke Swynhope Thorganby Westrandall Est Randall Alesby Asby Hawarby et Besby iiij*d*. Item lego priorisse de Ormysbie [ . . . <sup>1</sup>] monialium ibidem [ . . . <sup>1</sup>]. Item lego vtensilia domus mee Waltero filio meo 7 [Margare]te vxori mee exceptis vno vase plumbeo 7 certis aliis rebus predicto Waltero res[ . . . <sup>1</sup>] vt sequitur. Item lego Waltero predicto filio vnum morsellum auri 7 sex coclearia [ . . . <sup>1</sup>] Item lego Margarete vxori mee unum singulum argenteum 7 vnum par precularum pro termino vite sue 7 post eius decessum ad Annam filiam meam. Item do 7 lego Waltero filio meo 7 heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis vnum croftum vocatum Chubsegathe ac omnia alia terras 7 tenementa mea que michi pertinent iure hereditario vel titulo quocunque infra villam 7 territorium de Woldnewton predicta. Et si contingat predictum Walterum sine herede masculo de corpore suo legitime procreato obire tunc volo vt predictum toftum remaneat meis heredibus masculis cum

<sup>1</sup> Obscured by a blot.



omnibus aliis terris et tenementis meis in Woldnewton. Item lego Briano filio meo vij libras legalis monete Anglie. Item lego Waltero filio meo quadragenta oues par bouum de optimis iiij<sup>or</sup> equos omnes messes crescentes super terram exceptis et reseruatis Margarete vxori certis quarteriis vt sequetur. Item predicto Waltero omnia plaustra bigas et aratra cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Item lego Margarete vxori mee duas vaccas duos porcos. Item volo si contingat me prefatum Willelmum Wryght mori antequam filii mei viz. Brianus 7 Walterus pervenerint ad etatem viginti iiij<sup>or</sup> annorum tunc volo quod partes illorum remaneant in custodia Roberti Smythe de Waltam & Jacobi Otby vsque ad etatem antedictum. Item lego vnum lectum elymosine duo para linthiaminum vnum tegumentum vnum filtro vt remaneant in custodia vxoris mee ad opus et vsum pauperum et peregrinorum. Item lego Ricardo Steffnsun vnam vaccam ad terminum vite sue vt custodiat annuatim vnum obitum pro salute anime et det mollationem pro obsequiis 7 missa *vd.* et pulsantibus pro pane et potu *ijd.* et post decessum predicti Ricardi tunc volo quod vacca predicta remaneat predicto Waltero filio meo heredibus et executoribus suis. [*folio 403d.*] Item lego Anne filie vnam iuuenecam. Item lego Margarete vxori mee duo quarteria tritici vnum ordii duo brasii vnum pisarum duos porcos. Item lego Waltero filio meo tres vaccas. Item lego predictae Margarete decem oues. Item lego Waltero predicto cruces ferreas in aula mea stantes cum pertinentiis suis vnum lauacrum pendens 7 vnum lauacrum cum pelue vnum veru magnum cum duabus andenis vnam ollam magnam vnam patellam optimam vnum contrum.<sup>2</sup> Item lego Ricardo Steffnsun omnes pannos meos quibus diurne vtor. Item lego vnicuique filiolorum meorum iiij<sup>d.</sup> Item lego vni sacerdoti legitime ordinato quinque libras pro stipendio vnus anni ad celebrandum pro salute anime mee et pro animabus parentum meorum. Residuum bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Roberto Smythe de Waltham Waltero filio meo et Jacobo Otbye quos ordino facio et constituo meos veros et legitimos executores vt ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee 7 parentum meorum prout ipsis videbitur melius Deo placere 7 anime mee proficere. Hiis testibus Antonio Hennege ibidem rectore; Thoma Lyson; Ricardo Wache; 7 aliis.

Proved before Pryn, at Grymesby, 14 November, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT STEVENSON [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 314d.]

14 January, 1530-1. I Robert Stevenson off Kyrton in Holland makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the chyrchyerd of the holy appostellys Peter and Paule in Kyrton in Holland. To the high alter for tithys forgotten *vjd.* To every alter in the same church *ijd.* To the reparacions of the sayd church *xxd.* To the Trinite gylde in the sayd church *xijd.* To our mother church of Lincoln *ijd.* To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns at Lincoln *ijd.* To my wyff my hed mansyon with the purtenances to the tyme that my daughters cum to the age of xvj yerys, and to kepe it in suffycient reparacions, and iij stong lying in Wynsholme, and v stong lying at Warner mylle, and v stong in

<sup>2</sup> *for* cantrum, cantharum.

Horne hurne, in thys condicion, that she shall kepe my chyldren to they cum at the age of xvj yeres, and yff that she wylnot, than I wyll that my executors take them and thys forsayd landes to bryng them up to they cum at lauffull age. I wyll that my executors have the proffet of on house namyd Cooke house with the appurtenance, and iij stong at Mylne hyll, and iij stong at Smythee marshe, to the use of my doughtters to they cum at the age of xvj yeres. I will that my wyffe have the forsayd Cooke house with the purtenance, and iij stong at Mylne hyll, and iij stong in Smythee marshe immediatly aftyr that my doughters cum to the age of xvj yeres for the terme of my wyffes lyff, kepyng it in sufficient repare, and aftyr the decease of my wyff, I will it remayn to my doughters in fe symple. To Margaret and Elizabeth my doughters at the age of xvj yeres my hed mansion with the purtenance, and iij stong in Wynsholme, and v stong at Warner mylne, and v stong in Horn hurne, in fe symple. I will that my mylne be as an hayr lumbe pertenyng to the hed mansion. I will that ether my doughters be others heyres yff ether of them dye before the age of xvj yeres ; and yf it fortune so that bothe my doughters dye or they cum to xvj yeres, I will that my wyff have all my hole landes her lyff induryng. Yf bothe my doughters dye before they cum to xvj yeres, then I gyff to Robert Stevenson, the sonne of Thomas Stevynson, on house callyd Cooke house with the purtenance, and iij stong at Mylne hyll, and iij stong at Smyth marshe, in fe symple, after the decease of my wyff. Yff my doughtters dye or they cum at the age of xvj yeres, then I will that my executors sell my hed mansion with the purtenance aftyr the decease of my wyff by the advisement of the churche wardens of Kyrton, and the money therfore receyvyd to be bestoyd of on hole sewte of vestimentes, to be prayd for me and my good frendes in Kyrton church. I will that yff my doughters dye or they cum to the age of xvj yeres, then I give to Elizabeth Warner, the doughter of Thomas Warner, iij stong at Wynsholme in fe symple aftyr the decease of my wyff. I wyll yff my doughters dye or they cum at the age of xvj yeres, then I will gyff to Catheryne Heyland, the doughter of Alen Heyland, v stong lying at Warner mylne aftyr the decease of my wyff in fe symple. Yff my doughters dye or they cum to the age of xvj yeres, then I gyff to Jenet Warner, the doughter of Thomas Warner, v stong lande lying at Horne hurne in fe symple after the decease of my wyff. To Margaret and Elizabeth my doughters xj sponys of sylver and on sylver mazer at the day of maryadge of my wyff. To my doughters one gyrdyll of sylver, one pare of amber beades, after the decease of my wyff. I will that my executors sell halffe an acre anens William Mannys dore if they stand nede to pay my dettes with. I will have on dirige done for me and all my frendes for the space of xij yeres of ijs. by yere, xij*d*. therof to be takyn of my hed mansion to do it with, and other xij*d*. of Cooke house. Also the spruce chyst and the bed in the chamber to be as heyr lombys to my hed mansion. I will that Alen Heyland and John Coney have the custody of my chyldren goodes at the feste of Phylip and Jacob next insuyng. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alen Heyland and John Coney of Kyrton, whome I mak executors. Thes beryng wytnes, sir John Brewster of Kyrton ; sir Robert Thomson of the same ; Symon Greve ; Roger Williamson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March 1530-1, by the executors.

## [THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BENTLEY OF TORKSEY].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 4d. *Collated with another copy at f. 42d.*]

16 January, 1530-1. I John Bentley of Torksey, husbandman, makes and ordyns this my testament. My body to be beryd within the church of sanct Peter of Torksay, and for my mortuary as the law dothe requier. To the hye alter of the same church of sanct Peter xij*d*. To the same church for my beryhall ther to be had iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To every on of the houses of the frears in Lincoln xij*d*. To every preste within the abbay of sanct Leonardes of Torksay viij*d*. To eyther of the novys<sup>1</sup> vj*d*. To every none of Fossey iiij*d*. To the hye alter of Saxilbe xij*d*. To John Charter and hys wyff. To Annes my wyffes syster. To Wylliam Bentley, my son, xxxiijs. iiij*d*. To Elyn my wyff. I wyl my ffeoffes wyche stand and be seasyd in my house in the paryche of sanct Maryes of Torksay, wyche I bought of sir Richard Robynson, vicar of sanct Maryes aforesayd, schal stand and be seasyd of and in the same to the vse of my sayd wyff to suche thyme as Annes my doughter cum to the age of xvj yeres, the sayd Elyn kepyng the reparacions necessary, and after my sayd doughter cum to the age of xvj yeres then the ffeoffes to be seasyd to the use of her and her heyers for ever. And yf she happyng to dye befor sche cum to the said age, then I wyll the sayd house be solde by my supervisor to the most profytte, and the money there off comyng equally to be devyded and dystributed emonges my ij chyl dren, that ys to sey, John Bentley and Thomas Bentley, my sonnes, by the discrecion of my supervisor. The resydew of my gudes and caytel I gyff to John Bentley, Thomas Bentley, and Agnes Bentley, my chyl dren, whome I make my full executors, and Robert Lylve to be my supervisour, and I wyll that he have the supervision and gudyng off my sayd chyl dren and ther partes to they cum to lawfull age; and yf on of them happyng to dye within age then I wyl hys parte be evenly devyded emong them, levyng ordinari expences deducted, and my supervisour to have the gudyng of my son William part and the supervision of hym to he cum to lawfull age, and I wyl my sey d supervisour have xiijs. iiij*d*. for hys labour. Wyttnyses, sir John Ranaldson; Thomas Rycroft; John Charter; Wylliam Robynson; and other moo.

Proved in the cathedral church of Lincoln before Henry Litherland, 24 March, 1530-1. Administration granted to John Bentley, reserving power to grant to Thomas and Agnes Bentley when they shall come to lawful age.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. GLUFFER [OF COVENHAM ST BARTHOLOMEW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 323*d*.]

16 January, 1530-1. I William Gluffer of Conham Bartholomer, husbandman, makyth my wyll and testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of Conham Bartholomew aforesayd, and that thyng to be my mortuary that the law will. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high alter of Conham aforesayd viij*d*. To the church of Fulstowe iiij*d*. To Jenet my wyff. To Betteres my doughter a chawffer,

<sup>1</sup> 'nouesis' at f. 42*d*.



iiij pewter dooblers [etc.], that wer her moders. To John my servant. To Alice Fawcaner. The resydue of my goodes I will it be devydyd in iiij partes, and on part to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule, a nother to my wyff, the thyrde parte to my doughter, by the syght of Thomas Lameman and John Yedayll, whome I make the supervisors, havynge other of them iijs. iiijd. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Fynnay, parysh prest of the sayd church; Robert Carter the elder; and Robert Allan; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Louth, 14 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HORDYNG [OF FRAMPTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 237.]

16 January, 1530-1. I John Ordying the elder of Frampton makes my testament w<sup>t</sup> my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Frampton besyde the crosse. To the high altare of our Lady of Frampton for forgottyn tithys ij*d*. To the church warkes of Frampton ij*d*. To Thomas Ordying my sonne ij marys, on skawyd and one other blak, [etc.]. To Isabell Croft. To Thomas my sone all my landes and pasturys within Frampton excepte my house and the grounde that lyes under it, the wich my wyff hath for her feoffement the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease the sayd house with the grounde under it to remayn to Thomas my sonne, to hym and hys heyres of hys body; remainder to the next of the blode. To Marion Fell on hog. I wyll that Catheryn Ordying, my wyff, be my executrix and she to dispose the resydue of my goodes as she thynkes best for my soule helthe. I will that William Cony and Richerd Josson be supervisors, and they to have for ther labors iijs iiijd. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Xp'ofor Smyrke, vicar of Frampton; William Cony; Richerd Josson; John Ordying; and John Browne; and many moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 22 May 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GOODALLE [OF QUADRING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 312*d*.]

17 January, 1530-1. I John Goodhale of Quadryng make thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Margaryttes in Quadryng. To the high alter in the same church for tithys forgottyn xx*d*. To the mayntenynge of the organs on calffe. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Richerd Bell, whom I orden executor that he may order and [*sic*] to the use and bryngyng forthe of Johanne, Johanne and Anne my thre doughtters. Thes wytnes, Simon Hulton, prest; and Richerd Wast Waysse [*sic*] with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 6 March, 1530-1, by the executor.

[LINCOLN DIOCESAN REGISTRY, INVENTORIES, 1508-50, No. 58.]

Jhesu

Thys ys the Inventorye of all the goodes som tyme belongyng to John Goodall' praseyd by Thomas Chenay, Thomas Byrdlay, Robert Eitwell' and Ryc' Ward the elder the xvj day of January anno Domini M<sup>o</sup> cccc<sup>o</sup> xxx<sup>o</sup>.

In primys a payntteyd cloth	ijjs.	It' ij chayrres	xd.
It' a table w <sup>t</sup> trestyls	xvj <i>d</i> .	It' ij fermeys w <sup>t</sup> a cobert	viiij <i>d</i> .
		It' ij cheystes	xij <i>s</i> .

It' ij couerys	xij <i>d.</i>	It' iij tobys	iijs.
It' stokes for ij beddes	xij <i>d.</i>	It' a stryke	vj <i>d.</i>
It' a feder' bed & a bolster' xs.		It' a par of mosterd'	
It' a iij coverleyd	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>	qwernes	iiij <i>d.</i>
It' a matrys	xij <i>d.</i>	It' a spyynyng qweyll	vii <i>d.</i>
It' a brewyng leed	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>	It' ij stryke hempseyd	xij <i>d.</i>
It' iij chakeytttes	xxs.	It' v stryke lynseyd	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It' ij 3erdes of wolyn clothe	xvj <i>d.</i>	It' ij swyne	vjs.
It' ij blankeyttes	iijs.	It' viij l iarne	xiiij <i>d.</i>
It' a gowne & a kyrtyll	xs.	It' viij l stowne hemppe	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It' lyne scheyttes ij payer	vs.	It' a table cloth	xvj <i>d.</i>
It' hardyne scheyttes ij payer	xx <i>d.</i>	It' a towell	vj <i>d.</i>
It' a stetour for a bedde		It' a cart & a ploght	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
of lyne	iijs.	It' ij kye ij qweys	
It' ix peces of powder	iijs. vj <i>d.</i>	a berlyng & ij calffes iij <i>l.</i>	
It' iij candylstekes	ijs.	It' a horsse j meer a	
It' a schawfyng dysche	xvj <i>d.</i>	felee & ij colyttes	xls.
It' a seerse of latyn	iiij <i>d.</i>	It' all maner of corne	liijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It' a speit w <sup>t</sup> ij cobyrons	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>	It' v geys	xx <i>d.</i>
It' iij brasse poittes	xijs.		
It' ij ketels ij panys & a scomer	ijs.		

Summa totalis presedencium xiiij*l.* ijs. x*d.*

### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN TAYLYOR [OF GREAT COTES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 324*d.*]

17 January, 1530-I. I John Taylyour of Gret Cotys, taylour, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Gret Cotes. To the hygh alter of the sayd Cotes for my forgottyn tithys ij wether hogges. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the church my best cote to be solde and the money therof to be devydyd in thre, the fyrst parte to the church warkes, the secund parte to the roodelofte, the thyrde parte to the bellys. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Whytyn, my cosyn, xxvjs. viij*d.* To my daughter Agnes xls., [etc.]. To Richerd Watson. To my cosyn, Robert Taylour. To my godchylde ychon of them ij*d.* To Thomas Watson. To ether of the orders of frerys of Grymesby a bochel barly. To the church a cove to be lettyn at the syght of the churchwardens to a pore man for ijs., xij*d.* of it to the churchwarkes, vj*d.* for dirige and messe, vj*d.* for bred and ale to the ryngers. I gyff xs. for a trentall to be done in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Gret Cotys. The rest of my goodes I gyf to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may do as she thynkes best for the helthe of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes, Geffray Fortherby; Robert Lowe; Thomas Dennys.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 15 March 1530-I, by the executrix.

### THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS GAYTON [OF WRAGHOLME].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 190*d.*]

21 January, 1530-I. I Thomas Gayton of Wragholme. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Clement in Garnthorp; and the best thyng that I have to be my mortuary. To the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Clement of Garnthorp for tithys and oblacions forgotten xij*d.* To the anowrnynge of s<sup>t</sup> Clement in Garnethorp iiij*d.* To our Lady of

Pety in the church aforesayd iiij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln vjd. [*folio* 191] To the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln every order severally by them selffe iiij*d.* I shyfte the land the wych I bought betwyxt my sonys Thomas and John in thys forme, I gyff my sone Thomas a place of ground the wich is callyd Raffe Garthe, and another place of ground the wich is callyd Webster Crofte. Also I will that ther be xiiij*d.* taken of the sayd lande for evermore yerly to on obbyt in thys forme foloyng, fyrst iiij*d.* to the prest for sayng the office of dethe, and aftyr messe in the morne aftyr to cum downe to the herse as custome is ; also jd. to the clerke and another jd. to the messe peny in the morne aftyr ; also ij*d.* to the well off the church for the claymyng of the same obbyt ; also ij*d.* to the bellys, and ij*d.* to the rynghers. To John my sone a place of grounde the wich is callyd Yernest Crofte with ij selions of lande lying at the west ende of the same close, as in on dede more fully apperyth. Also I wyll that yff anythyng cum at other of them, then the on to be the other heyr. Yff it be so that they dy bothe with [*sic*] yssue, I will it remane to Isabell my doughter and hyr heyres. Also I will that Jenet my wyff have all my sone Thomas parte and halff of John duryng her lyff, yff it be so that she kepe her sole and unmaryed or ellys for Thomas parte iijs. of money whether she wyll, or ellys she to manor it peaseably duryng her lyff. Also I will that Jenet my wyff have halff of John parte and pay halff of all maner of chargys duryng her lyff. And after her dethe, I gyff it hym and hys heyres for evermore. I will that Thomas my sone enter of all hys hare lande, pastur, etc., sayng that I will that Jenet my wyff have my manor wich I dwell in wyth all the proffyt of bothe the closys that it standes on ; and he to enter of all other maner of porcions after my decease and to agre with the lorde, sayng that I will that Jenet my wyff have the too acr' land and the intake of Mr William Skypwyth, payng yerly to hym for the same ijs. viij*d.* [*folio* 191*d.*] Also yff anythyng cum at me, I will that Thomas my sone and hys barne have the iiij hogges wich I solde hym by a price, to pray for me. To Clement Symson. To Helene Prowys. To John Rumbalde and hys mother. The resydewe of all my goodes not wyt I gyff Jenet my wyff, sayng that I will that John have my chawffer, and Thomas my cobbart, and it to be on hare lome as long as it lastes. I make Jenet my wyff my executrix. Also I make Thomas and John my sonys supervisors. Thes wytnes, sir John Pormard, parysh prest ; Thomas Woode of Northesomercotes ; Alan Gayton ; John Akthorpe ; William Woode ; with other moy.

Proved at Louth, 10 March, 1529-30.<sup>1</sup>

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN TYDE [OF MARSTON].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 307.]

21 January, 1530-1. I John Tyde of Marston make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churcheyerde of our blessyd Lady off Marston. I will that my goodes be devydyd in thre partys, on parte to my selff, another to my wyff, and the thyrde to my chyl dren. Also because I am nedey of money as now I will that on of my best ky be solde, on parte to cause halffe a trentall to be song at the Augustyn frerys at Lincoln, and the resydue to bryng me to the grounde. To the

<sup>1</sup> *Rectius* '1530-1'. The wills before and after this one were proved in 1530.



high alter a pounce waxe. To s<sup>t</sup> Savyor on schepe. To the bellys of Marston on schepe. To the church of Marston on quye. To Agnes Marcham on red quye. To my father in lawe, Robert Wryght, my best gowne, my best bonnet, and my canvys dooblyt. To my gostly father ijs. To William Kyrke iiij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Cecile my wyff and Robert Wryght my father in lawe, who I make executors to order and dispose for the helth of my soule. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Gravys prest; sir John Wymarke prest; Robert Ayston; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancastre, 27 February, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN VER [OF REEPHAM].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 3. *Collated with another copy at f. 41.*]

22 January, 1530-1. I John Ver of Rypham makes my will. My body to be buryed in the church yarde of saynt Peter and Paull of Rypham, with my mortuarye after the vse as now is. To the cath' church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To saynt Hugh his hed iiij*d*. To the church warke of Rypham iij strike barley. To Barlynges for tithys forgotten half a quarter barley. The residew of my guddes I giffe to Robert Townhend<sup>1</sup> and William Pynchbeke, whom I make myn executors, that thei dispose it so as it be for the helth of my saull and the lovyng of God. Thies beyng wytnes, sir Robert Wilkynson, vicar of Repham; Robert Ver; and William Ver; with other moo.

Proved before L., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 18 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BRADLAY [OF HALLINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 303*d*.]

23 January, 1530-1. I William Bradlay of Hallyngton, makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Laurence in Hallyngton. To the high altare iiij*d*. To our mother churche of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady warke iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Laurence churche halff a quarter barley. To the church of Golceby iiij*d*. To the church of Asterby iiij*d*. To Jenet my wyff the thyrd parte of my goodes. To Jenet my daughter v marke. To John my sonne a grynston spyndyll. To Richerd my sone an hyren harrow. The resydue of my goodes I will that John and Richerd my sonnys dispose for the helth of my soule, whome I make executors, and they to have for ther labors other of them iijs. iiij*d*. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir Robert Browne, vicar; Thomas Mytchyll; George Rysby; Thomas Mytchyll yonger; John Gray; Robert Smyth; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 12 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. HOLDYNG [*sic*] [OF BURGH ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 349*d*.]

23 January, 1530-1. I William Holdyng, seke of body makes my last will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Burgh

<sup>1</sup> Towhend at f. 41.

of Bayn. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *iiijd.* To Burgh high alter *iiijd.* I will my wyff be my full executrix and my chyder I will thay have of my goodes at my wyffes disposicion. Wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> John Rude ; William Myssenden, vicar ; John Spenythorne ; Richerd Copper.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 27 March, 1531, by the executrix.

[THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BLACAM<sup>r</sup> OF FLIXBOROUGH.]

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 7d. *Collated with another copy at f. 45d.*]

31 January, 1530-1. I Thomas Blacam<sup>r</sup> of Flyxbrugh doo ordayn and make thys my last wyll and testament. My body to be beryd within the churche of Flyxburgh. To my curatt sir Wylliam in restituc<sup>r</sup> of tythes forgotten yff any suche be one cow. To the churche warke of Flyxburgh *ijs.*<sup>1</sup> *iiijd.* Item *ijs.* to bye a clothe to the hye alter of the same churche. To ower Lady warke of Lincoln *xijd.* To my cosyn Bartylmew. To Anne Hamertun my best harnest sylver gyrdyll. To Thomas Westybe, my lytyl boy, all my rament and hys fyndyng at the syght of Thomas Kelke and John Colinson. The resydew of all my goodes I gyff to Johan my wyff, wyche Johan I ordayn executrix, and the sayd Thomas Kelke and John Colinson supervisors. Thes beyng wyttnes, Thomas Cornwell ; Aland Chawmerlane<sup>2</sup> ; Thomas Kelke ; John Colinson ; and other moo.

Proved at Appulby, 28 March, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE WOLRICHE [OF SPALDYNG].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 238d.]

31 January, 1530-1. I Alice Wolriche of Spaldyng makes my testament and last will, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the parysh church yerde of our Lady and s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Spaldyng. To the high altare in Spaldyng a towyll. To the high altare in the abbay a towyll. To our Lady of Lincoln a sylver ryng and *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the wallys of Lincoln *ijd.* To our Lady of Walsyngham *iiijd.* To our Lady of Eldermer *iiijd.* [*folio* 239]. I will have a trentall of messys done at *Scala celi* in Boston, and another trentall done at Cowbyt for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Nicholes Wolryche my brother, whome I make my executor. Wytnes herof, sir Robert Gee ; William Lunglaye ; Robert Scotte ; with other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES PYSCHÉ [OF FREISTON.]

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 383.]

1 February, 1530-1. I Agnes Pysche off Freston makes my testament, [etc.]. My body to [be] buryed within the churche of the holly apostyll s<sup>t</sup> Jamys and my mortuary that the lawe requiryth. To the sacrament for oblyvios tithys *vjd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys *ijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Sythe *ijd.* To our Lady of Pety *jd.* To our lady warkes of Lincoln *vjd.* To the fatherles chylder without the yates *ijd.* To m<sup>r</sup> pryor of Freston and hys bretherne

<sup>1</sup> *ijs.*, omitted at f. 45d.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Cornwell and Jhon Aland chamerlane at f. 45d.

ijs. viij*d*. To Thomas my sun all the woode that lyeth in the garthe that is mete for buyldyng, [etc.]. To Alice my doughter a chaffyng dyshe, one arke, a dyshekelffe that stands in the hall, [etc.]. To Marion my doughter a pottyll panne, a posnet, a spruce kyst, my best beades with the jewelles off them, one ambre, [etc.]. To William my sonne my leade. To Robert Fox off Tofte. To Robert hys sun iiij*d*. To Richerde Fox, Grace Foxe, John Foxe, William Turpyn, John Turpyn my godsun, Isabell Turpyn, John Pyshe, and Grace hys doughter, Alice Bowde, John Bowde, John Kyrby, and Agnes hys doughter, Agnes Semly my god-doughter. The resydue of my goodes I putto the disposicion of my executors, William Bowde and Robert Foxe, to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, and they to have for ther labor ether of them vs., and William Crosly to be supervisor that thys my bequeth-word may be fullyllyd, and he to have for hys labor ijs. iiij*d*. Wytnes, sir Thomas Pycto; John Kyrby; John Symon; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 19 February, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. HUPTON [OF HONINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 308*d*.]

2 February, 1530-1. I Thomas Vpton of Honyngton makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Wylfryde of Honyngton. To the high alter of Honyngton churche a yowe. To our Lady warke off Lincoln iiij*d*. To Margaret Hamer. To William Vpton my brother. To iij sonys of Richerd Vpton. To Richerde my brother. To John Roper. To John Glasyer. To Robert Beuercotes. To the chylde that my wyff is wyth all yff God sende it crystyndome. To Schelton churche xiijs. iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrice to dispose for the helthe of my soule as she thynkes most expedyent. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Alexander Mannyng; William Bothby; John Bothby; John Sutton; Robert Beuercotes; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 28 February, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN JELEAN [OF LEAKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 387.]

2 February, 1530-1. I John Jelyan of Leeke makys my last wyll and testament. My body to be buryd in the churche yard of our Lady of Leeke. To the parsonys for forgottyn tythes ijs. To every awter in Leeke churche ij*d*. To the churche worke of Leeke ijs. iiij*d*. I gyff the [*sic*] with the grond that yt standes apone to William Flechborne in fee symple of that condycyon that he shall do on yerely annysary [*sic*] in the churche of Leeke for my sole and all crysten solles by the space of xij yerrys after this present date before wryttyng. To Ric' Trowtyng. To Thomas West a fowlyng net. To Thomas Flechborne. To Thomas Parkar my godsone iiij*d*. To John Gelyan syme a fowlyng net of viij<sup>tes</sup> fethwines. To John Gelyan cowper a crayne net. To John Flecheborne. I will that the xxs. that ys owyng me yf hit maye be gotyn be bestowyd on ij trentalles for my sole and all crysten sowlles. The resydew of goodes I gyff to William Flechborne whome I orden executur and with hym to be Ric' Trowtyng to bryng me forthe and to dyspose for the



helthe of my sole as they thynke best, and I will that Ric' Trowtyng have for hys labure and payne iijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Witnese, frear Thomas Cammoke ; John Jelyan ; and William Whetley ; with other dyvers.

Proved before P., at Sweyneshed, 7 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BECHE [OF STANTON LE VALE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 327<sup>d</sup>.]

3 February, 1530-1. I Richerde Beche of Stanton in le Hole makes my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy off Stanton. To the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Androy for tithys forgottyn xij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln ij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady warke ij<sup>d</sup>. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Jenet my wyff, Robert and Walter my sonnys, to dispose to the pleasure of God and the helth of my soule as she thynkes best. Thes wytnes, sir John Manknowle parson ; John Androy ; John Henderby ; with many other mo.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 17 March, 1530-1, by the executors (*not named*).

[THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ELAND OF BELTON].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 5<sup>d</sup>.]

3 February, 1530-1. I William Eland, syk in body, make my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Allaloys off Belton. Also I beset xs. to be giuen in the stede off my mortuary. Also I beset xij<sup>d</sup>. to the hye awter. Also I besett to sanct Hught off Lincoln vj<sup>d</sup>. Also I besett a house off sanct John holde in Humbulqwate to my wyffe Katerne so long as sche lyvys sole, with all that longys therto, duryng her lyffe ; and sche dye or be maryed I wyll it remayne to my ij sons Thomas and Wylliam with all the appurtenance. The resydu off my guddes I gyff to my wyffe, wyche I make my executor. Wyttnes that thys ys my last wyll, Ric' Papulwell ; Thomas Awdhouse.

Proved at Belton, 27 March, 1531.

[THE TESTAMENT OF JANE HUNTE [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 313.]

5 February, 1530-1. I Jane Hunte of Pynchbek makes my will and testament. My body to be buryd in the church of Pynchbek aforesayd. To the high alter of the sayd church for tithys forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. To every alter in the sayd church iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the church warke of the sayd church iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the church warke of Surflete vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To the warke of the church of Lincoln vj<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln for oblacions forgottyn vj<sup>d</sup>. To the faderles chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withowt Lincoln vj<sup>d</sup>. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys alter on chalys price v markes. To the sayd alter on kyrchyff. To the Trinitie alter on kyrchyff. I will ther be disposyd for me of my buryng day iiij<sup>l</sup>. in the qwere and to pore people. Also at my vij<sup>th</sup> day vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. Also at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. I will that on honest preste do syng for my soule my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys the space of on yere, and he to have for hys labor viij markes. To sir Tole xs., on trussyng coffer, [etc.]. To my syster Helene Madyson on gowne, on kyrtyll, on harnest gyrdyll, my best beades, [etc.]. To Edward Madyson the elder iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Mary Madison. To Jane

Alphyn. To Jane Madyson my goddoughter on whyte tester, [etc.]. To John Madyson *xxd.* To Edward Madyson the yonger *xxd.* To Jane Brygges. To John Burton *xijjs. iiijd.* my best prasse, my cownter, my ambry, my best basyn with the laver, [etc.], at the age of *xxj<sup>ty</sup>* yeres, and yff he dye before that age I will my executors do dyspose the forsayd legacies for the helthe of my soule. To Thomas Borton. To Elizabeth Burton. To Thomas Parker my godson *ijs.* To Margaret Mawer. To Helene Whyte. To Catheryne Martyn. I will that all my napre ware other ways callyd lynnyn gere be gyffyn to pore people in the towne of Pynchbek. To Thomas Obrey *vjs. viijd.* To Mawde Donyt *xijd.*, [etc.]. To Jenet Smyth of Spaldyng. To Jenet Obrey, Margaret Graffe, Jenet Newland, Alice Valys, Agnes Martyn, Brydghewater wyff, sir William Bewyk, Emote Ebdon. I will that my executors do sell my housys lying in Sleford the wiche I had of my lorde Husey and my lande at Fosdyke and dispose for the helthe of my soule. The resydue of my goodes I putt to the disposicion of sir John Tooly prest and John Hyll the yonger of Pynchbek auditor, whome I make executors for the helth of my soule as they shall best thynke, and ether of them to have for hys labour *vjs. viijd.* Thes wytnes, sir William Bewyk prest; Robert Alphyn; William Thorpe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 6 March, 1530-I, by the executors.

[LINCOLN DIOCESAN REGISTRY, INVENTORY, 1508-50, No. 176.]

Thys ys the Inuytary of ye goodes of Jane Hunte of Pynchebek seyn and praysyd be theys *iiij* honest men of the sayd towne Jhon' Hyll senior Robert Walpull Robert Alphyn Alexander Prowytt the secunde day of the moneth of marche in ye yere of or Lord God a m ccccc and xxxj<sup>ti</sup>.

Fryst in the Alle

Item j cownter	vjs.	viijd.	Item ij tabylles	ijs.	
Item j cubburd	iiijjs.		Item ij furmys		viijd.
Item j chere		xijd.	Item ix cuscheyns	iijs.	
Item the hallyng	ijs.				

Secondly in the Chaumbre

Item <i>iiij</i> federbeddes	xls.		Item matteryssys	iiijjs.	
Item <i>iiij</i> bolsters	iiijjs.		Item j whyte bede	iijs.	iiijd.
Item <i>xij</i> pelows	iiijjs.		Item <i>iiij</i> latyng basyns		
Item <i>viij</i> coverlydes	xxs.		<i>iiij</i> evers	vjs.	
Item j gyrdyll w <sup>t</sup> j			Item j hangyng lauer		
pare of bedes	xiijs.	iiijd.	ij chafyndyschys	iijs.	
Item j grett chest	iiijjs.		Item <i>viij</i> kyrchyfes ij		
Item <i>xviij</i> syluer spones	xlvjs.	viijd.	aporns of lynyn ij		
Item <i>iiij</i> coffers	iijs.		hardyng aporns ij		
Item <i>vij</i> pare of flaxyng			smokes	viijs.	
schettes	xvjs.		Item <i>iiij</i> bede sthokes	iiijjs.	
Item v hardyng schettes	iijs.	iiijd.	Item <i>iiij</i> gowns }	xvjs.	viijd.
Item j tabyll clothe	ijs.		Item kyrtylles }		
Item xl plate of clothe	xxs.		Item ij cappys		xvj d.

Thurdly in the kechyng

Item <i>vij</i> pottes	xxs.		Item j scomer w <sup>t</sup> a ladyll	iiij d.	
Item <i>iiij</i> pannys	vs.		Item the burdes lonyng		
Item ketylles	iijs.		to the howse	xijd.	
Item <i>vj</i> candylstykes	vjs.		Item ledders & ij rakes	xijd.	
Item <i>xv</i> platers <i>iiij</i>			Item fuell	xs.	
puter dyschys ix					
sawcers <i>iiij</i> podyschers	xvjs.				

Summa totalis *xv l. xiijs. iiij d.*

[THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY SMYTHE OF GARTHORPE].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 6. *Collated with another copy at f. 44.*]

10 February, 1530-1. I Henry Smythe of Garlthorpe of the parryche of Luddyington make my will. My body to be beryed in churche zard of sanct Oswalde of Luddyington. To Henry Seton vjs. viiij*d.* [etc.]. To Marget Nordaby iijs. iiij*d.* [etc.]. I wit to Edmund Graue iijs. in peny and penyworth. To the vicar of Luddyington a cow worth a ryall for hys gud praers and hys diligent busines. The residew of my guddes I gyff to John Smyth my son, whom I make myne executor. Thes men wyttnes, sir Robert Clark vicar of Luddyington; Thomas Mylner of Garlthorpe; and Ric' Reydhed; with other moo.

Proved at Belton, 27 March, 1530.

[THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HWYTT OF WHITTON].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 7*d.* *Collated with another copy at f. 45*d.**]

15 February, 1530-1. I John Hwyt<sup>1</sup>, seke in body, makyth my last wyll and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of Wyttton nye the madyns lyght. I bequeste for my mortuary as the lawe requyers. I bequest<sup>2</sup> xij*d.* to ower Lady warke of Lincoln. I bequeste<sup>2</sup> xij*d.* to be offerryd uppon the hye awter of Wyttton for tythes and dewtys forgotten. I bequest<sup>3</sup> a cow to the churche of Wyttton the pryce vjs. viiij*d.* to be after the forme and maner of Agnes Fletcheres<sup>4</sup> in all maner of condicyon. To Wylliam Harslay iijs. iiij*d.* to se that my wyll be fulfyll*d.* I make for my executures my wyff Agnes and Jelyan my doughter, to whon<sup>5</sup> I gyff all my holl guddes not bequest when my dettes be payd, that ys to say to Rycharde of Banton xvijs.<sup>6</sup> iiij*d.*, to Myllyn wyff of Waucott vjs. iiij*d.*, to John Mott wyff xiijs. iiij*d.*, to Robert Heyryson vjs. viiij*d.*, to the maydyn lyght ix*s.* *vd.*, to Jenatt Barnard a quarter of barley for a certain money takyn for schep, to Thomas Thorneton *xxd.*, to Wylliam Wylkynson xvii*d.* Morover I wyll that my wyff Agnes schall gyff to my son Steven *xxd.* and my doughter Jelyan other *xxd.* zerely to be payd duryng the terme of xvj zeres and yff it fortyn thys forsayd money nott to be payd in any part or in all than it schall be lawfull for the [*folio* 8] forsayd Steven to enter to hys tenament. Also yf it fortyn thys forsayd Steuen to dye within the terme of xvj zeres than the farmehold to be sould and deuydyd amonge my wyff and my chyl*dren.* Thes beyng wyttnes herof, Wylliam Harslay; Xp'of*er* Dynsdayll; Wylliam Heryson.

Proved before L., 28 March, 1530, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JENYT YONG [OF BRANT BROUGHTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 356.]

15 February, 1530-1. I Jennet Yong of Brantbroughton, vidoy, hole of mynde and reason neuertheles takyn with bodyly infirmitie and seknes, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryd within my parysh kyrke of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Brentbroughton. To the high alter iiij*d.* and one alter clothe. I bequeth vjs. viiij*d.* to fynde a light before Mary of Piety. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the iiij orders of frerys at Lincoln and to the Observantes at Newarke to

<sup>1</sup> Hivitt *at f. 45*d.**

<sup>4</sup> flythers *at f. 45*d.**

<sup>2</sup> bequey *at f. 45*d.**

<sup>5</sup> whom *at f. 45*d.**

<sup>3</sup> quest *at f. 45*d.**

<sup>6</sup> xviijs. *at f. 45*d.**



every on one stryke whete and one stryke barly. To Jennet Yong. To Robert Yong. To Robert Bocher wyff and to hys ij chylder. The resydue of my goodes with in the house and woode and colys I gyff to Xp'ofor Bocher and John Bocher. To William Yong xls. To the kyrke of Scawby vjs. viij*d*. I make my executors William Yong and Xp'ofor Bocher, and Jenkyn Langwyth supervisor. Wytnes herof, sir Thomas Hyrde prest; sir Robert Lewty prest; John Bocher; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 5 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CAPE [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 298.]

16 February, 1530-1. I Thomas Cappe makyth my testament. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Michell the archangell of Connesby. To the high alter of the sayd Connesby xij*d*., and to the reparacions of the same church xij*d*., and to the bellys of the same vj*d*. To John Cappe my cosyn a jaket and a dooblet. To John Pakker my brother in lawe I will that the house with the appurtenances wich [folio 298*d*.] I bought of John Hawmotson schall be solde and viij*l*. of the moneý evenly to be devydyd betwyxt Cecile Cappe and Mary Cappe my doughters. Moreover yff it shall fortune that other of the sayd Cecill Cappe or Mary Cappe to dy afore that tyme she cum to yeres of discrestion then I wyll that she wych doth lyff shall have the hole somme of viij*l*. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Dorothe Cappe my wyff, wich I make my executrix. I have desyeryd to testifye that thys is my testament, William Magson prest; Thomas Oueray; Peter Babe; Thomas Cotes; and Thomas Babe. I make supervisors m<sup>r</sup> John Litlebery and m<sup>r</sup> John Rygges.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JON LANGLEY [OF SPRIDLINGTON].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 4. *Collated with another copy at f. 42.*]

I Jenyt<sup>r</sup> Langley of Spridlington, wydow woman, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed within the church yard of saynt Hillary of Spridlington. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the hye awter of Spridlington iiij*d*. To Thomas my sonne. To John my son. To Jarrarde my sonne. To Robert my sonne a swerme of beys. To the church of Spridlington a stocke of bees. To Henry my servant. To Laurence Langley. The residew of my goddes I giffe to William my sonne and Agnes my daughter, whom I make myne executors, the forto dispose for my saull as the thinke gud. Master Robert Dighton of Glentworth to be supervisor. In wytnesse theruppon, m<sup>r</sup> parson the curet of the church; mr Richard Lacye; John Langley; with other moo. Dated 17 February, 1530-1.

Proved before L., 21 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. HATCLYFE [OF GRIMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 404.]

24 February, 1530-1. I William Hatclyff of Grymesby, esquyre, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the parysh

<sup>1</sup> Genet at f. 42.

churche of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in the iell of the Assumpsion of our Lady for the wych I bequeth to the sayd churche vjs. viiij*d*. To the hygh altare of our Lady of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes iijs. iiij*d*. To the hygh altare of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys iijs. iiij*d*. To every gylde within the sayd churche xij*d*. To the hygh altare of Hatclyff churche iijs. iiij*d*. To every godchylde that I have on lyve iiij*d*. To my godsone Wylliam Goodhande. To William Curtas xij*d*. To William Weckers xij*d*. To Catheryne my servant for her servys xs. To my lorde abbot of Wellou and hys convent iijs. iiij*d*. To my lady priorisse and her convent iijs. To m<sup>r</sup> Doctor iijs. iiij*d*. and to hys convent iijs. iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> prior of the Augustyne frerys xij*d*. and to every frere in hys sayd house iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> Watson iijs. iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> vicar iijs. iiij*d*. To sir William Lasby canon xij*d*. To John Hatclyff xij*d*. To Jamys Hatclyff xij*d*. To every man woman and chylde that commys to my buryall one peny, prestes v*d*. and clerkes ij*d*. To Richerd Copey parysh clerke xij*d*. To my cosyn dame Margaret Hatclyff ijs. To the parson of s<sup>t</sup> Marys xij*d*. To the [*folio 404d*.] reparacions of s<sup>t</sup> Marys chyrch xij*d*. To Batterellys wyff vjs. viiij*d*. To hys heldest sonne vjs. viiij*d*. To my sonne Thomas Hatclyff accordyng to my promisse a hundreth markes to the purchessyng of the owt renttes of Hatclyff or as moche other landes to dyscharge it for the welthe of hys chyl dren, and to be put in tale accordyng to my fathers tale, and also to the tale that I have mayd ; provydyd always that the hundreth markes that I have gyffyn him to be unpayd to the sayd landes be bought and put in tale accordyng to the tripartytes that I have mayd. To Richerd Hatclyff my sonne xxx*l*. over and above that I gyvyn hym yff God send hym to skape at thys tyme hys sykenes and to comme to hys handes. To William Hatclyff my sonne. To my welbeluffyd wyff Catheryne Hatclyff all my stuff off householde with plate and joellys of aray. To my sonne Thomas Goodhande and to my doughter hys wyff xls. To Jane Goodhande to her maryage xls. To my sonne Gye Towers and to my doughter hys wyff xxs. over and above that I lent theym, and that I lent theym I forgyff them. To Alice Pavy xls. and Anne Pavy xls., my doughters. To John Hatclyff my sonne. To Gye Towers and to my doughter hys wyff I bequeth my chamlet gowne without the furre, and my velvyt jerkyn to Hatclyffes church and to the use and proffet theroff. The rest of my goodes I put to the discrecion of Catheryne Hatclyff my wyff, Thomas Hatclyff, [*folio 405*] William Hatclyff, Thomas Goodhande and Gye Towers, my sonnes, whome I make executors. Wyttnesses my lorde abbot of Welhoo ; master Mare ; master doctor the warden of the Gray frerys ; sir Peter Mundy vicar of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys ; sir Robert Watson chauntry preste. I make the parson of Hatclyff the supervysor, and for the same and the makyng of one cope and of a vestment of the gowne and jerkyn that I have bequethyd to Hatclyffes church, to have for hys labor xiijs. iiij*d*.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 26 August, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. HESSYLL [OF LOW TOYNTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 298.]

24 February, 1530-1. I William Hessayll of Nether Toynton nygh Horncastr' makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church or the churchyerde of the holy appostelles Peter and Paull

of Toynton aforesayd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high alter of Toynton for forgottyn tithys iiij*d*. To the church warke ther ijs. iiij*d*. To Alice my doughter. To Margaret my doughter ij veryng qwyse. To Nicholes Hessyll one scheduler foole. To Margaret Nicholson xij*d*. To John Knyght. To every one of my other god chylder iiij*d*. I will that my executor cause iiij messys to be sayd at *Scala celi* at Boston for me and Catheryne my wyff and William Hessyll and Agnes my father and mother. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Thomas Hesyll my sonne, whome I make my executor, with the oversight of sir John Balet parson of the churche off Toynton, whome I make supervisor, and he to have for hys labor ijs. Thes men beyng wytnes, master Boucher ; Richerd Newcom ; William Teryngton ; and Charles Barret ; with other mo. Gyffyn at Toynton, [etc.].

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY GARTHAM [OF EAST HALTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 326.]

28 February, 1530-1. I Henry Gartham of the parysh of Esthalton upon Humbre settes my testament. I bequeth my soule vnto allmyghty God y<sup>t</sup> creat it and w<sup>t</sup> hys preciose blode bought it, to our Lady s<sup>t</sup> Mary, and to all the gloriose cumpeny of heven. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Halton. To our Lady of Lincoln in oblacion iiij*d*., and to her warke iiij*d*. To the church warke of Halton ijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady gylde of the same viij*d*. To my curat the vicar of Halton to pray for me xx*d*. To my doughter Agnes Jobson. To Agnes Gartham my wyff all the housholde goodes within the house and the seller without devydyng. I orden Agnes Gartham to be my executrix. Wytnes, sir Thomas Ryall vicar ; Thomas Gartham ; William Gartham ; George Jobson ; James Robenson ; and William Langrek ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castor, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CRAYLLE [OF HORBLING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 311*d*.]

1 March, 1530-1. I William Craylle of Horblyng makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Horblyng. I gyff to my mortuary as the custome that now is. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*., and to the pore chyldren of saynt Catheryns iiij*d*. To the high alter of s<sup>t</sup> Androy vj*d*., and to the bellys vj*d*. To John my sonne. To Jane my doughtter. To Malde my doughter. And yff any of those iij chylder departe or they marry then that parte to be devydyd betwyxte the other that lyffes. To Xp<sup>o</sup>ofer Crale. To Robert my sonne ij kye [etc.], and I will that hys mother to kepe them as she dothe her awn, and the increasse to hys behoyff, and hym to he be of lafull age. And therfore I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff all the resydewe of my goodes, whome I make my executrix to dispose it for the well of my soule as she thynkes best. In wytnes herof, sir Richerd Baynton vicar ; Richerd Palmer ; Xp<sup>o</sup>ofer Crale ; with moy.

Proved before P., at Sempyngham, 4 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.



## [THE WILL OF THOMAS STEVYNSON OF HACKTHORN].

[STOW, 1530-52, f. 15*d*. Collated with another copy at f. 54.]

2 March, 1530-1. I Thomas Stevynson of Hakthorne, sike in body, makes my will. My body to be buried in the churche yarde of Hackthorne, and my best beist to go for my mortuanye, and for thithes forgotton *xxd*. To our Lady of Lincoln *xijd*. To every order of freers j strike of barley. To Spridlington church *xijd*. To Welton church *vijd*. To Hakthorne church *ijs. iiijd*. To Greingham church j quarter barley. To the maundy of Shere Thersday *vjd*. To John Heley. To John Byrdtoft wyff and her childer. To Isabell my servante, and to every on of the childer in the house. To every on of my godchilder within the towne of Hakthorne *ijd*. To Roberte Stevynson and his wiff and his childer. To my doughter Jenyt, wiff to William Aland *xls.*, and to be paid bi Margaret my doughter when it commys to her handes [*folio 16*]. To Margaret my wiff all my lande<sup>1</sup> and Cottome howse for *vj* yeres yf she kepe her unmarried, and yf so be that she mary then she for to leve it and go to Cotom howse agayn, and that house to have for her liff. I giffe my howse that I dwell in with all that therto belonges to Margaret my doughter and to the heres of her body, and if so be the saide Margaret departe withoute eny ishew then I will that it go to the next of my kyn and the for to by yt yf the plese, and if so be that the will by it then the to have it *xxs.* under the vawew. And if that thei wilnot medill with it then I will that my executors sell it to the most vawew that the may, and the money to be disposyd for my soull and my gud frendes soules. I make John Byrdtofte and Richard Code<sup>2</sup> to be myn executors and the to have for ther labors *ijs. iiijd*. a pece. I make syr John Stevynson supervisor, and he to have for his labur *ijs. iiijd*. To Margaret my wiff *iiij* oxon and all the howshold stuff except a gret pott and a huche wich shalbe heyre lomys to them that commys after. I will that ij of the oxon bequethed to my wiff when that she levys the said howse go to my executors handes, and the for to sell them and the money to be disposyd for my saull. I will that Margaret my wiff make no wast of the grownde but for buyldinge yf so be that it nede but for snathing and wedinge. The residew I will be disposyd for my saull. Robert Raby of Snarforthe owys me *ijs. iiijd*. and Edmund Bedall wiff *viiijd*. Witnesse hereoff, syr John Gybson vicar of Hakthorne; Thomas Atterby; Lawrence<sup>3</sup> Wilhous; Will' Toynton; Thomas Toynton; with other mo.

Proved at Lincoln, before L., 13 June, 1533. Administration granted to John Byrdtofte, Richard Code<sup>2</sup> refusing.

## THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES GYLL [OF DUNSBY ST ANDREW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 383*d*.]

[*No date*]. I Agnes Gyll make my laste will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Andro in Dunesby. To the churche of Dunesby *ijs. iiijd*. To the high altare *iiijd*. To our lady of Lincoln *ijd*. To the paryshe preste to pray for me *iiijd*. To Margaret my

<sup>1</sup> landes at f. 54.<sup>2</sup> Rode at f. 54.<sup>3</sup> Lawrence is omitted at f. 54.

doughter a spynnyng whele, a pare of cardes, and a hekkyll, vij pesys of vessell, a kyrtyll clothe, iiij yerdes and di' of tawny, [etc.]. I gyff Margaret my parte of iij chawlsers and so sche must have all thre. To Jamys my sonne vjs. viij*d*. To Jamys my sonne to dispose aftyr hys discretion for hys father and me the iijs. iiij*d*. that the bocher of Byllyngburgh hawyth me. I will that my executors make a trentall to be sayd for the soulys of my ij husbandes and me as soon as may be. I make my full executores Thomas and John my sonnys. I make John of Dale oversear and to have for hys labor xij*d*. In wytnes heroff, sir John Warde; John a Dale; Richerd Carter; with other mo. I will that sir John Burton do syng the trentall for my husbandes and me.

Proved before P., at Sleforde, 4 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALYSON HOWDAM [OF HOLTON LE CLAY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 353*d*.]

4 March, 1530-1. I Alyson Howdan off Howton next Grymesby makes my full testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of st Peter in Howton. To the high alter in Howton for forgottyn tithys viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Claxby church xij*d*. To Thoresway church xij*d*. To Tetney church iiij*d*. To Wath church iiij*d*. To our Lady gylde in Howton halffe a quarter barly. To a honest prest xs. for to syng for my soule a trentall. The resydue [*folio* 354] off my goodes I gyff to Robert Howdan my sonne, whome I make executor. Thes wytnes, sir John Tharrolde vicar; sir Thomas Martyn; John Martyn; Robert Denyns; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 27 April, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. JOHNSON [OF MARTIN BY TIMBERLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 385.]

4 March, 1530-1. I Thomas Johnson of Marton in the parysh of Tymberlande makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of st Andro in Tymberlande. To the high altare of the same church for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the warkes off our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To Thomas Wylson my sonne in lawe iiij marke [etc.]. To Agnes my daughter. To John Baly. To Jenet Gregbe. To the church warke of Tymberlande. To our lady of Merton a yowe schepe. To Robert Gregbe and Alice Stele. To my brother William. To William Johnson sun. I will have a trentall of messes sayd in Tymberland church for my soule and all xp'en soulys. To Robert Johnson my brother a gog schepe. To Richerde Johnson my brother. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff, which I make my executrix, to dispose for the helthe of my soule as sche thynkes best. Wytnes herof, sir Robert Dowke curate of Tymberlande; William Johnson; Thomas Herdson; Robert Herryson; John Cok; with other.

Proved before P., at Braunceton, 21 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM BREYLSFORTH [OF HARLAXTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 365*d*.]

5 March, 1530-1. I William Breylsforth of Harlaxton makes my testament or last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of

s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Harlaxton. To the church of Harlaxton xij*d*. To the high altare of the same viij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altare of Lincoln iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> William Bryghouse my curet one qwy in discharge of my mortuary and to pray for me. To every one of my chyl dren when they cum to xvij yeres of age iij*s*. iiij*d*. And yff so be that any of them dy or they cum to that age ther parte to be equally devydyd emonges them that survyves. To John Grene the yonger. To Nicholes Colby. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes Breylsforth my wyff, whome I make my executrix to bryng me to the grounde, [etc.]. I make Robert Grene and Alexander Grene the supervisors, and to have for ther labors xx*d*. Thes beyng wytnes, Richerd Wylkynson; Robert Adam; William Whyte; with other moy.

Proved before P., 17 October, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT MABLESON [OF BROTHERTOFT].

[L.C.C. 1532-4, f. 64*d*.]

6 March, 1530-1. I Robert Mableson of Brothertoft and of the parysshe of Frawmeton with a hole mynde makys my last wyll. My body to be buried in the churche yarde of Framton. To the hye awlter in Framton churche xij*d*., and to the fatherles chyl dren of saynt Katherynes ij*d*. To ower Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Adlarde my son a fyle. To Margaret my dozhter a quy. To my yongyst chylde. To my other fower dozhters. I bequethe the copy of my howse the space of xv yeres to my wyffe and she to fens yt and kepe yt tenanteable, and yf she mary here after she to have half the howse and halfe the grond with Adlerde my son in hyr wydowe hode, or elles the hole to Adlerd my son and yf owght come at hym yt to remene to all my chyl dren that lyves after hym, and I wyll that a yere day be kepte in the chappell amonges my neybors. The resedewe of my goodes I gyffe to my wyffe, whome I make my executryx, she to dyspose them to the plesure of God and salvacyon of my sawle. Wyttenes thereof, Richerd Blysbery; John Mableson; and Richerd Mableson.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PYNCHBEK [OF FREISTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 314.]

1530. I John Pynchbek, chaplayn, chauntry prest of Fercys chauntre in Freston, do make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Freston in the north hally before our Lady of Pety. To the sacrament of the principall alter in the same church vs. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys v*d*. To our Lady of Pety v*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Sythe iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Thomas lyght ij*d*. To the lyght in our Lady qwere v*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne with other saintes standyng in the same table a pownd and di' of wax. To the warkes of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady of Grace v*d*. To the church warke xiijs. iiij*d*. To Roger Pynchbek to hys exhibicion iiij*d*. To Margaret Pynchbek doughtter of John Pynchbek a basyn and ury of lattyn, a charger of powder, [etc.]. To Margaret Jakson my goddoughtter xiijs. iiij*d*. To Isabell Dawson xiijs. iiij*d*. To Richerd Pynchbek of Benyngton I do forgyff all the



money that he dothe owe me. To hys sonne and hys doughtter xxs. To George Pynchbek of Butterwyk and hys chylder xxs. I do forgyff Edmund Pynchbek all that he dothe owe me, and I bequeth hym xxs. To William Pynchbek sonne of John Pynchbek xls. To Thomas Pynchbek brother of the sayd William xls. To William Crosley wyff and hys chylder xs. To Margaret Blaykster to by her kyrchyffes with xs. To Robert and Thomas the sonnys of William Crosley ij acres of land callyd Shorte Growyff aftyr they cum to lafull age, that is to say xxj yerees. And yff so be that ether of them dye within age the other to be hys heyr, and yff so be that they bothe dye without heyres of ther bodys the forsayd lande [*folio 314d*] to remayn to Richerde and William the sonnys of the forsayd William Crosley. To lx housys wher most nede is xxs. at the day of my buryall within thys parysh. Item at my vij day xs., and at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day xs., to be gyffyn to the same housys. Item dewryng the space of vj yeres yerly at my obbyt day xxs. to the forsayd housys. I gyff my house lying in Cathorp callyd sumtyme Bothomsyde house with iiij acres of pasture therto belongyng to the priory of Freston dedicat in the honor of God and s<sup>t</sup> Jamys, and they to kepe my yerly obbyt for the space of fowre skore and xix yeres yff the law will suffre it, and yff so be that they can purchas it mortemayn in the meyn tyme they to have it for ever. And yff not the house and lande to remayn to the next of my blode. Also I will that my house callyd Craue house be solde at the disposicion of my executors and disposyd for my soule. And yff so be the prior will by it he to have it before an other. All my landes not gyffyn I gyff to John Pynchbek excepte on acre and di' lying in Crowse felde wiche I will be solde be my executors and disposyd for my soule. And yff that William Crosley will by it he to have lesse in price by xld. then an other. To Richerd Pynchbek sonne of John Pynchbek iij stong lying in Scrafflet to hym and to hys heyres. I will that my executors do fynde a preste to syng for me ij yeres immediatly aftyr my dethe, he to have yerly for hys stipend vijs. viijd., and he to syng in the parysh church of Freston. To m<sup>r</sup> John Lytilbery xxs., whome I make supervisor. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Pynchbek son of John Pynchbek and Peter Blaykster, whome I make my executors, and to the forsayd Peter Blaykster for hys payns xxs. Wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> Xp'ofor Tamworthe; sir Jamys Foster; Alexander Thomson; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 7 March, 1530-I, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. TEMPER [OF ANDERBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 379d.]

8 March, 1530-I. I William Temper of Anderby ordens and makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of Anderby. To John my sonne an noxe, a meyr, and a burlyng qwe. To Walter my sone, a burlyng qwe, [etc.]. To Richerd Temper my sonne. To Agnes, Isabell, and Jenet my daughters. To every of my daughters vjd. ayenst ester, [etc.]. To Thomas my sone. I make John Temper and Walter my sonnys my trew executors. Wytnes, sir John Drax.

Proved at Parteney, 21 November, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COKSON [OF DONINGTON ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 317.]

1530. I John Cockson of Donyngton, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Donyngton with my mortuary after the forme of the lawe. To the high alter for forgottyn tithys viij*d*. To the same church*e* ij quarters of barley. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To Thomas Petson wyff on pare of geat beades, one blew sylke gyrdell, with a corse, and on brasse potte, [etc.]. To William Cooke of Thedylthorp. To Jenet Petson. To sir William Smyth the parson of Donyngton ij quarters of barley to pray for my soule and for the soul*y*s of my good frendes. To John Cokson my sone my wayn with thynges that longes therto, [etc.]. To Robert Petson. To John Cokson my sonne Obrays housys with all ther appurtenaunces both in felde and in towne. To Alice Cokson my doughter one house callyd Hopkynson with the appurtenaunce. To John Cokson my sone one toftsted callyd Bylsby lande and halffe a oxgang of land and the medoy longyng therto. Also yff Alice Cokson my doughter dye without issue of her body lafully begotten, the wich God forbyd, I will that the sayd landes shall remane to John Cokson my sonne and to hys heyres. And lykewyse yff he dye the fyrst without issue they shall remayn to the forsaid Alice. And yff it fortune them bothe dye without issue then the sayd landes shall remayn unto Alice Petson and to her heyres. To John Cokson my sonne my copy of my house that I dwell in a take of the kynges. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to John Cokson and Alice Cokson my chyldren to pay my dettes and dispose for the helthe of my soule as they shall thynke the best, whome I make executors; and Richerd Kyrke to be supervisor, and he for to have for hys labor xx*d*. Wytnes wheroff, sir William Smyth parson; Robert Kelde; John Warde; Thomas Dawlyn; Robert Derlove; Henry Baldok; with other.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 10 March, 1530-1.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN STYLL [OF MARSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 356*d*.]

12 March, 1530-1. I John Styll of Marston make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady of Marston. I will that my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, of the wich I bequeth to Agnes my wyff one parte, and a nother parte to my chylder equally to be devydyd emonges them, and the thyrde parte I will be disposyd for my soule in this maner—to our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d*., to the church of Marston xvj*d*., to the upholdyng of the Trinite chapell of Marston viij*d*., to my gostly father xij*d*. The resydue of my sayd thyrde parte I will be disposyd for my soule at the discrecion of Agnes my wyff and Thomas my sonne, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Gravys; Thomas Aiston; Richerd Light; with other.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 5 May, 1531. Administration granted to Agnes the relict, power being reserved to grant to Thomas the son when he shall come to lawful age.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD KYNG [OF TYDD ST MARY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 331.]

13 March, 1530-1. I Rychard Kyng of Tydd saynt Mary ordene and make thys my last wyll. My body to be buryed in the churche yard, and my mortuary after the custom of the towne. To the hye aluter for tythes forgotten *xd.* To the churche warke of Tydd *viiijd.* To our Lady lyzhte *iiijd.* To saynt John Bapstyst *iiijd.* To the crucifyxe lyzhte *iiijd.* To saynt Thomas lyzhte *iiijd.* To the Trynety lyzhte *iiijd.* To every lyzhte in the sayd churche *jd.* To our Lady of Lincoln *viiijd.* To the infantes withoute the walles *iiijd.*

Thys ys the last wyll of me Ric' Kyng. I wyll that Thomas Symson of Tyd aforesayd have my howse and *iiij* acres of land lyyng in Tyd for *xiiijl.*, be yt more or lasse, after the decesse of Elyn my wyffe, and I wyll that the sayd Elyn kepe the sayd howsyng in reparacion. To Elyn Ward of the said money *xxs.*; to Margarette Warde of the said money *xxs.*; to Elezabeth Ward *xxs.*; and the sayd Elyn, Margarette, and Elezabeth to have the said money at the age of *xviiij* yerres, after the decesse of Elen my wyffe; and yff the sayd Elen be then on lyve I wyll the sayd money be payd withyn a yere after her dede day. I wyll yff any of the sayd Elen, Margerett, Elyzabeth aforesayd do dye withoute eres of there bodys then I wyll yche of them be others eyres, and yff the all decesse withoute eyrys then I wyll the other *iiij* chyldryn of John Wardes, Johan, Eme, and Mawde have the sayd money and yche of them to be other eyrys. I wyll that there be songe in the churche of Tydd for my sawle and my benefactors sawlyes *xxs.* I wyll that Elen Kyng the yonger have *xxs.* of my movable goodes, yff hyt may be sparyd, or elles to be payd of the howse money. To Edward Symson my servant *xxs.* of thys condycyon that he soyle a quetance or elles nott. I wyll that Thomas Symson have *iiijl.* remaynyng in hys handes to pay to Johanne Warde my doghter to helpe and soker hyr and hyr chyl dren as she haythe nede of hytt to by them clothes, [etc.]. To John Warde. The resydewe of all my howse money I wyll that Elen my wyffe make hyr wyll of hytt, and I ordene her executryx. Thes beyng wyttnesse, sir Richard Fyscher; William Tysdale; Robart Lesse; John Togowde; and Robart Towghte; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April [*no year given*].

## THE TESTAMENT OF RYCHERD PARYSH [OF HOGSTHORPE].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 321d.]

1530. I Richerd Parysh of Hoggesthorp, seke of body, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the church of our blessyd Lady of Hoggesthorp, and that thyng that the lawe will require to be my mortuary. [*folio 322*] To the reparacion of the pyx *xijd.* To our Lady in the high qwere of Hoggesthorp *vjd.* To our Lady in the sowth qwere of Hoggestrop *vjd.* To our Lady of Pety of Hoggestrop *vjd.* To the Trinite of Hoggestrop *vjd.* To the bellys of Hoggestrop *vjs.* *viiijd.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln *xijd.* To our Lady of Walsyngham *vjd.* To st Leonerde chapell of Munby *iiijd.* To the rode of Hoggesthorp *xijd.* To Walter my sonne my best wayn, my horse mylne, [etc.], and hys mother to occupy the sayd mylne to the tyme



that he cum to the space of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres of age. To Walter my sone xls. and a bed that is to say a matterys, a coverlyd, a pare of schetes, and a peloy. I gyff the indenturys of my house to Water my sonne aftyr the decease of me dewryng the terme of my yerys when he cumyth to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres. To Jenet my doughtter xls. To Alice my doughtter. To Isabell my daughter xls. To Helene my daughter xls., [etc.]. Also I will that every chon of my iiij daughters have a bed, that is to say a matterys, a coverlyd, a pare of schetes, and a pilloy. Yff it fortune that anny of them departe thys worlde vnder lafull age I will that ther awn good bryng them to the grounde, and ich on to be a nother heyr. And yff it fortune so that all departe thys worlde when they be brought to the grounde that at dothe remane of their goodes I will that a prest do syng for ther soulys and for all ther good frendes soulys and for a crysten soulys. To every god barne that I have ij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the bryngyng up of my chylder, and her I make my executres John Laceby and Adryan Blades, and ether of them to have for ther labors iijs. iiij*d*. In wytnes therof, sir Henry Goodwyn ; John Jacob ; Richerd Webster ; with other.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 13 March, 1530-1, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WAYRE [OF WEST ASHBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 299.]

13 March, 1530-1. I John Wayr of Ashby nygh Horncastr' makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of the church of All Halloys of Ashby, with that thyng that the law requiryth in the name of my mortuary. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high alter of Ashby for forgottyn tithys ijs. To a prest to syng a trentall of messys in the church off Ashby for my soule and all crysten soulys xs. To Robert Ware my father. To John Wode. To Robert Ware and William Ware my brothers. To Richerd Boner. To Robert Clerke of Asterby. To master Henry Parker xij*d*. To Henry Paynter viij*d*. To our Lady frerrys and to the frerrys at the Grese foote at Lincoln ether of ther housys iiij*d*. To every one of my godchylder iiij*d*. I will that my executrix do dispose for the helthe of my soule att my buryall iijs. iiij*d*., and at my vij<sup>th</sup> day iijs. iiij*d*., and at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day iijs. iiij*d*., and at my yereday other iijs. iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes beyng wytnes, Robert Wayre ; Thomas Symkynson ; Henry Paynter ; and John Woode of Asby ; with other moy. Gyvyn at Ashby the day and yere abovesayd.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. GYFFE [OF LEGBOURNE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 387*d*.]

1530. I Thomas Gyffe of Legborne makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryd in the churche of Leggborne of Allhalows. To the hy awter in Legborne churche viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the paresche churche warke of Legborne vjs. viij*d*. To Callstrobe churche warke vjs. viij*d*. To Alington churche warke xij*d*. To the couentt of Legburne abbay to pray for me and all crysten sowlles

ijs. viij*d*. To a prest to syng for thie helthe of my sole on quarter wages xxvs. To sir Henry Stonys. To Barnard my sone. To Ancellme my sone. To Esabell my dowghter. To Jonne my dowghter. To Agnes my dowter. To Eline my dowghter. To Margret my wyffe and Barnard my sone all my landes in Hallyngton, and after the dycesse of Margret my wyffe the landes to remayne to Barnard my sone and his herys of his body. To the said Barnard my sone ij acre medow lyng in Seygmare in Legborne, to him and to his herys, payyng yerely the valew of hyt to Ancellme my sone duryng his lyffe, and yf so be the said Barnard dycesse withoute suche ysshew, then I will that all the landes in Hallyngton and Legborne remayne to Ancellme my sone and to the herys of his body. The resedew of my goodes I gyffe to Margrett my wyffe, the wiche Margret I orden with Barnard and Ancellme my sonys to be my executrys, and Ancelme Neyffe to be supervisor, and he to have for his labur iijs. iiij*d*. Thes men beyng witnese, sir Henry Stonys curat of the same towne; sir John Scupholme; Ancellme Nayffe.

Proved before P., at Lowth, 14 March, 1530-1.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HUMBERSTON [OF BRANSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 362.]

14 March, 1530-1. I Robert Humberston makes my last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Saintes of Braunceton. To the high alter of All Sayntes of Braunceton for all forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To our Lady warkes at Lincoln v*d*. To every order of frerys at Lincoln on stryke of barly. To the church of All Saintes of Braunceton on quarter of barly. To the churche of saint John of Whashyngburgh viij*d*. To the heremite of our lady chapell of Braunceton iiij*d*. To John Humberston and Robert Humberston my sonnes. To Alice, Margaret, and Isabell my daughters. To John Russyll. To Agnes Slegt. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Emot my wyff, to John Humberston and Robert Humberston my sonnys, for to dispose it for the helthe of my soule as they thynke it best, and I make them my executors. Thes wytnes, John Mason; Hamund Barker; and John Mayer; cum multis aliis.

Proved before P., at Braunceton, 19 April, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. DADE [OF NORTH SOMERCOTES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 303.]

16 March, 1530-1. I William Dadde of Somercotes makes my will. I gyff and wyt my soule to God, [etc.]. My body to be buried in the kyrke yerde of our Lady of Northsomercoates, payng my mortuary as the lawe requiry. To our mother kyrke of Lincoln. To our Lady warke iiij*d*. To the high altare of North Somercotes for tentes forgottyn iiij*d*. To the bellys of the same kyrke iiij*d*. I will that Jenet my wyff have yerly payd of my house and my landes lying in North Somercotes duryng her lyff vjs. viij*d*. I witt to the sayd Jenet all my housholde stuff within my house excepte a cupborde, a red arke, a bynkborde, and a dysheborde, they to remane to my sonnys. I witt to Robert [*folio* 303*d*.] my sonne my syluer whystell, [etc.]. To Thomas my sonne my chamlet cote and my best dooblet. To Margaret the daughter of Thomas Dadde ij rynges

of syluer gyltyd. To Richard Dadde my blew gawbardyn. To hys wyff a gyrdyll havynge a pendent and a bokyll and vj sylver barrys at the same gyrdell, she to have the same gyrdyll to the tyme that Alice her doughter cum to lefull age, and then the sayd Alice to have it. To Alice Scotte my doughter a pare of awmber beades and a broche of sylver. To Eden Hornsay my doughter a pare of beades of awmber and a broche of sylver. To John Scotte my violet jaket. To Jenkyn Hornsay a heryng net with a rope and flotes. To Robert Scotte. To Jenet Drowry my servant. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Richerde Dadde my sonne and to John Scotte, whome I make my executors, they to dispose for the helth of my soule as shall be thought expedyent to the pleas' of God in tyme to cum. Thes wytnes, Walter Rasyn; John Rasyn; Robert Hornsay; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 12 May, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD WARGANE [OF BARROW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 327.]

1530. I Richerd Wargane of Barrow, seke of body, makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the churche of our Lady in Barrow. To our Lady of Lincoln warkes iiij*d.*, and to the high alter iiij*d.* To [folio 327*d.*] my mother xxs., and to my syster Alyson xs. The rest of my goodes I bequeth to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix, to dispose for my soule helth. In wytnes, sir Jamys Appleyerde; and Bennet Tenetlay; and William Person.

Proved before P., at Caistor, 16 March, 1530-1, by the executrix.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BROWN [OF WELBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 354*d.*]

17 March, 1530-1. I Robert Browne, beyng seke of body, make my will and testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of All Halloys in Welby. To the high alter of Welby viij*d.* To the gylde of s<sup>t</sup> Robert of Knavesborow [*sic*] iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln warke v*d.* To the frerys of Grantham v*d.* To sir Stevyn xs. to syng a trentall for [folio 355] me and all crysten soulys. To John my sone. To Agnes my sonnys wyff. To Margaret hys eldest doughter. To William hys sonne. To Isabell hys doughter. To sir William Moyn. To William Newcom. To Helene Alynworth. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margery my wyff to bring me to the grounde, [etc.], whom I make my executor. Thes beyng wytnesses, sir William Mone parson of Welby; sir Stevyn Johnson; Robert Alynworth; George Weston; Thomas Swanne; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancastr', 5 May, 1531, by the executrix.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF T. PROCTOR [OF LEGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 328*d.*]

17 March, 1530-1. I Thomas Procter, dwellyng within the parysh of Legesby, makes thys my last will and testament, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of Legesby. To the high alter of Legesby church for tithys negligently forgottyn iiij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln v*d.* To the church of Legesby xx*d.* To the church of Normanby



xxd. To the church of Claxby xijd. To our Lady of Lincoln iiijd. I wyll that ther be disposyd to a honeste preste for the helth of my soule xs. for on trentall. To my wyff on stag wich is with owt in the feldes, [etc.]. To Robert my eldest sone. To Thomas my sonne. To Jenet my daughter. To Alice my daughter ij of the best stotte calvys, [etc.]. To John my brother. [*folio 329*] To Jenet and Alan my servantes. To every godchylde that I have iiijd. To Gregory Tenaunt. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln every house iiijd. The resydue of my goodes I wyll that my wyff and Robert my eldest sonne have, whome I make my executors. I do orden supervisors, Richerd Pykyryng and William Applay, and I wyll that ether of them have ijs. iiijd.

Proved before P., at Market Rasyn, 17 [*sic*] March, 1530-1, by the executors.

### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BARTON [OF FULBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 355.]

19 March, 1530-1. I John Barton of Fulbek makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of st Nicholes in Fulbek. I gyff my mortuary aftyr the custom of the cuntry. To the church of Fulbek ijs. To the high alter viijd. To the church of Ledenham xijd. To the church of Cathorpe xijd. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viijd. To the house of frerys of our Lady of Lincoln xijd. To the house of gray frerys in Lincoln xijd. To the house of frerys of st Peter Myllen xijd. To the house of Augustyn frerys in Lincoln xijd. I will that all my goodes be partyd in iij partes, the fyrst parte I will have myselffe, the second parte I gyff my wyff, the thyrde parte I gyff to William Barton my sonne and Alice Barton my daughter, excepte all that is in my house that longys to huswyffry, and that I gyff to my wyff Alice. To Elizabeth my daughter one cowe, [etc.], and the sayd Elizabeth to be delyveryd to her mother Catheryne Austlen. To st John gylde in Fulbek one bushyll of malte. I make Alice my wyff my executrix. Also I make m<sup>r</sup> William Dysney and my father William Barton my supervisors. I will that John of Berton and William Murcrofte se that my ij chylder William and Alice have ther [*folio 355d.*] goodes as it is wrytten afore. I will yff the sayd William of Berton fortune to dy afore the yeres of dyscrecion, then I will that hys syster my daughter Alice have all hys parte of goodes. Yf my daughter Alice dye afore the yeres of discrecion then I will that her brother William my sonne have all her parte of goodes. Yff my sone William and my daughter Alice bothe dy afore the yeres of discrecion then I will that my mother Alice Barton have halffe ther goodes, and the other halffe to be gyffyn for the soules of ther father John Barton and ther soulys. I will my wyff Alice have the kepyng of the sayd William and Alice and ther goodes as long as she be unmarried. And aftyr that she take to be maryed then the goodes of the sayd chylder to be partyd be iiij men, indifferent, and then whosoever weddes ther mother he shall be bounde in wrytyng to m<sup>r</sup> William Dysney, William Barton, John Kyrton, and William Morcrofte that the chylder, William Barton and Alice Barton shall have ther goodes at suche tyme as m<sup>r</sup> Will'm Dysney, Will'm Berton, John Kyrton and Will'm Murcrofte thynkes most proffyt to the chylder.

Witnes herof, my curat Xp'ofor Symson ; m<sup>r</sup> William Dysney ; Gylys Alyst ; and Robert Parker ; and Nicholes Brande ; and many moy.

Proved before P., at Ancastr', 5 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WELLYS [OF WESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 241].

21 March, 1530-1. I Thomas Wellys of Weston make my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of the blessyd virgyn s<sup>t</sup> Mary in Weston. To the high altare in Weston *jd.* To the churche warke of Weston *jd.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *jd.* To pore chyldren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *jd.* I will my place in Cowbyt be solde be my executor, and the sylver theroff cumyng. I will John Wellys my fader have xxs. that I boroyd of hym, and the resydue of the sylver that remanys I will Thomas my sonne have it when he cumys to the age of xviiij yeres, and the sayd sylver to be in the governaunce of Simon Wellys my brother unto then. Yff Thomas my sonne decease within the age of xviiij yeres, then I will it remayn to William my sonne when he cumys to xviiij yeres, to hym and hys heyres of hys body. [Remainder] to the nexte of my blode. To Thomas my sonne on cowcher, on brasse potte that was Isabell Wolse, [etc.]. [*folio 241d.*] I will my nettys be evynly devydyd betwene my wyff and Simon Wellys my brother. To Johane my wyff on meyr, iij kye, and iiij burnynges, [etc.], also one pece of copy lande in Weston and Fendyke, to her to gyff and sell. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the disposition of Simon Wellys, wich I make my executor. Thes beyng wytnes, Walter Thomson ; Thomas Browne ; and Thomas Wolse ; and many moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BOCHER [OF WITHAM ON THE HILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 366d.]

1530 A.D. I Robert Bocher of Wytham makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the parysh church off Wytham, and for my mortuary as the lawe askes. I will that my goodes be devydyd into thre partes my dettes beyng payd, one parte for my selffe to be disposyd for the helth of my soule, the second parte to Isabell Bocher my wyff, the thyrde parte to be devydyd emonges my chylder. To the high altare of the parysh church of Wytham for tithynges and offerynges negligently forgottyn *iiijd.* To the warkes of our Lady of Lincoln *ijs.* To the gyldes of Wytham too strykes barly. To a prest to say v messys at *Scala celi* for me and my frendes *xxd.* The resydew of my sayd parte unbequethyd I gyff to Isabell Bocher, my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose them for the helth and salvacion off my soule. Thes beryng wytnes, sir John Jameson, the vicar ; William Smyth ; with other.

Proved before P., at Irnham, 19 October, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. NOD [OF LUTTON IN SUTTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 244d.]

25 March, 1531. I William Nod of Lutton in Sutton in Holland makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the

church of saynt Nicholes in Lutton. To our Lady warkes of our mother church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orphanys of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the wallys of Lincoln *ijd.* To the highe altare of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Lutton for tithes forgottyn *xijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes light in the same church *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> John light in the same church *iiijd.* To the Trinite light in the same church a pownd wax. To our Lady of grace light in the same church *iiijd.* To our Lady of Piety light in the same church *iiijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Peter light in the same church *ijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys light ther *jd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne lyght ther *ijd.* To every other small light in the same church *jd.* To Robert Nodde my sonne all the goodes and stuff perteynyng to a salte cote that I have within the salte cote wiche I have in ferme. I bequeth and forgyff to the sayd Robert Nod all suche sommys of money and other dettes that he owyth me thys present day and xxs. To William Nod my sonne xxvijs. viij*d.* beyng in the handes of Thomas [folio 245] Spenser of Lutton. To Thomas Nod my sonne. To Elizabeth my doughtter. To Denys my servant. To every oon of Robert Nodde chylder. To Alice Browne. To Richerd Water. To Robert Walter hys brother. To my god doughter of Thomas Wyles. To our Lady gylde of Boston xs. To the Augustyn frerys of Boston xs., and they to say a trentall for my soule and all crysten soulys. To the Whyte frerys of Cambrige xs. for a lyke trentall. To the Gray frerys of Lynne xs. for lyke trentall. To Beatrix my wyff all my stuff and implementes of housholde both within the house and without, also all my corne now growyng on the lande and hereafter to be sowne thys yere, so that she pay all the rent to the lordes for the same lande. To Beatrix my wyff the house that I dwell in with *iiij* acres of lande be it more or lesse dewryng her wydohood, and yff it fortune that she do mary then I wyll that she shall have the possession off the sayd messe and *iiij* acres of lande to suche tyme as Thomas my sonne come to the full age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and the sayd Thomas to have the sayd messe and *iiij* acres of lande to hym and hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to Robert my sone and to the heyres of hys body upon condicion that he or hys sayd heyres do pay or cause to be payd to Elizabeth my doughter xls. [folio 245*d.*]; [remainder] to William my sonne and to the heyres of hys body; [remainder] to be solde by the handes off the church wardens of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Lutton for that tyme beyng and *iiij* of the most honest men of the same parysh, and they to dispose the money receyvyd in reparacions of the sayd church and other dedes of charyte for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys as they shall thynke best to be done. To Elizabeth my doughter one acre of lande lying in Colpyt to her her heyres and assyngnes for ever, upon condicion that yff Thomas my sonne wyll pay or cause to be payd to her xls., that is to say the day of her mariage *xiijs. iiijd.*; and so other *ij* yeres nexte after her mariage *xiijs. iiijd.*, then I will the sayd Thomas shall have the sayd acre of lande to hym hys heyres and assyngnes for ever. To Robert Nod my sonne one acre and thre roodes of lande lying in Grenewyke to hym hys heyres and assyngnes for ever. Yff it fortune the sayd Beatrix my wyff to mary, that immediatly after she be maryed the forsaid messe and *iiij* acres of land remayn to Thomas my sone and to the heyres of hys body; [remainder] to Robert my sonne and to the heyres of hys body; and the sayd Beatrix to have the dettes

<sup>1</sup> the daughter *has probably been omitted.*



wich William Browne owyth me, [etc.]. To Thomas my sonne at the age of xvij yeres. I will that Robert my sonne and William Browne have the custody of Thomas parte and hys legaces to suche tyme as he comme to the full age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres. I will that Beatrix my wyff have the custody of vj kyne duryng her lyff yff she do not mary for the mauntenance of my yerly obbyt to be kepte yerly with placebo and dirige and messe of [*folio* 246] requiem the Tewesday nexte aftyr Palme Sunday, and I will ther be expendyd and distrybutyd yerly the day of the sayd obbyt the sommys of money her aftyr foloyng, that is to say, in oblacions ijd., and to the parysh preste vd., to every preste of the parysh iijd., to the parysh clerke for hys dirige and ryngyng vjd., to the belman jd., to the sexten ijd., to every man that shall syng a lessyn jd., to every chylde beyng lernyd in the parysh ob', to xl<sup>ty</sup> pore people iijs. iiijd. I wyll ther be a stryke of whete bakyd in bred and halffe a dosyn ale provydyd for to cause the qwere and other honest men in the parysh to drynke. And yff the sayd Beatrice my wyff do mary then I wyll the sayd vj kyne be in the custody and kepyng of Robert my sone and William Browne dewryng ther lyffes and the longer lyffer of them, and they with the proffyttes commyng yerly to cause my sayd obbyt to be kept the day before rehersyd, and to dispose and distrybute the same day suche sommys off money as I before have appoyntyd. And aftyr the decease of the sayd Robert Nod and William Browne I will the sayd vj kyne, or ellys other vj of so good valew as they now be off, be delyveryd by the sayd Robert Nodde or William Browne or the survivor of them to the church wardons of Lutton that tyme beyng and they to have the sayd vj kyne to them and ther successors upon condicion that they and ther successors shall for evermore kepe my sayd yerely obbyt the Tewesday nexte aftyr Palmesunday as I have before rehersyd and distributyd. And I will that the churche wardens shall have yerly for ther labors to se the sommys of money trewly disposyd ether of them iiijd. The resydue of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of Beatrix my wyff and Robert Nod my sone, whome I make my executors, and William Browne to be supervisor, and to have for hys labor vjs. viijd. Thes wytnes, sir Jamys Jackson prest; Thomas Blanke; John Water; with diverse other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 9 June, 1531.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. KECHYN [OF LITTLE PONTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 365d.]

27 March, 1531. I William Kechyn of Paunton the lesse makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of st Michel in Paunton. To the high altare and to my curet to be prayd for xijd. To our Lady warke off Lincoln iiijd. To the church of Paunton xvjd. To Agnes and Alice my daughters. To Elizabeth Gervys. The resydeue of my goodes I will they be devydyd in thre partes, the fyrst parte to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, the second parte to Margaret my wyff, the thyrde parte to be devydyd emong my [*folio* 366] chyl dren. Yff it happen the sayd Margaret to mary agayn then I will that she delyver the sayd thyrde parte of my goodes to Nicholes Gervys or ellys fynde sewrte that it shall be delyveryd to my chyl dren when they cum to lefull age. I make the sayd Margaret my wyff my executrix, and Nicholes Gervys my supervisor, and he to

have for hys labor my gray meyr. Thes wytnesses, sir Robert Hornby parson; Roland Atkynson; Geffrey Atkynson; Hugh Osberner; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 17 October, 1531.

ADAM WILKINSON [ALIAS DRAPER OF BELTON IN AXHOLME].

[Stow, 1531-56, p. 344.]

27 March, 1531. I Adam Wilkinson otherwayse named Adam Draper, hole of mynd and seeke in bodye, make my will and testament. My bodye to be beryed in the churchyard of Allhallowes of Belton. I bequeathe one cowe and one calfe in the name of my mortuarie. To the hye alter of Belton xvjd. To our Ladye of Lincoln' xijd. To saynt Heugh of Lincoln' iiijd. To the roode light in Belton church and to s<sup>t</sup> Safyor light, to our Lady of Pittie light, to our Ladye of Grace light, to s<sup>t</sup> John light, and to the Supuler light to euerye one of thes ijd. [page 345]. To the church of Belton one busshell of barlye. To John Talane one black cowe and a calfe. To Elizabeth Mylnes one ewe and one lambe. To William Whele-Wright one ewe hogg. To John Boswell' gentyllman one bay geldinge. To William my sonne ij ewes and ij lambes. I make Izabell my wyfe my full executrix. In wittnes hereof, sir Xp'ofer Gradett prest; George Rypwithe; and Adam Brocke; w<sup>th</sup> other.

Proved at Owston, 16 June, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. BURNE [OF NUN ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 304.]

28 March, 1531. I Thomas Burne of Nunormesby, husbandman, make thys testament and last will. My body to be buried within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Nunormesby. To the high altare for my tithys and oblacions negligently forgottyn and with holden xijd. To the reparacions of the cathedrall church of our blessyd Lady of Lincoln xijd. To the parysh church of Southelkyngton halff a quarter of barly. To the parysh churche of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Ormesby aforesayd halff a quarter off barly. To Arthur Oyler and Thomas Hall my godsons. To John Burne my brother. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff and Elizabeth my daughter, whome I make my executrices to dispose them as they shall thynke most expedyent to the pleas' of God, [etc.]. I will that William Buttifaunt and John Burnet be supervisors, and gyff to ether of them iijs. iiijd. Thes wytnesses, Arthur Ormesby gent'; Richerd Rog'; and John Browne; with many other.

Proved before P., at Louth, 12 May, 1531. Administration granted to Alice the relict, reserving power to grant to Elizabeth the daughter when she shall come to lawful age.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BARTON [OF FULBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 304d.]

29 March, 1531. I William Barton of Fulbek, husbandman, seke in body, makes my testament. My body to be buried in the churche

yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Fulbek. To the high altare of Fulbeke for forgotten tithys iijs. iiij*d*. To the reparacion of the bellys of Fulbek vjs. viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the frerys off Grantham xij*d*. To every one of my godchylder a schepe or xvj*d*. To the church off Fulbek xls. To the church of Ledenham xxs. To the church of Welborne vs. To the church of Cathorp iijs. iiij*d*. I will ther be delte at my buryall vjl. xiijs. iiij*d*. To my curate ijs. I bequeth vl. to a preste to syng for me a yere. To William my sonne all my housys and landes within the parysh of Fulbek with the appurtenances to hym and to hys heyres of hys body, wich was in the handes off John my sone late departyd ; and yff the sayd William my sonne dy without suche heyres I will the sayd housys, [etc.], be solde be my executors and be the counsell of my supervisor and to be disposyd for my soule my wyff soule and all my good frendes soulys. To Alice my wyff all my householde stuff to dispose it emong my chyl dren as she thynkes best. I will that my executors have xl<sup>ty</sup> marke in redy money to performe thys my last will, and pay my legacies and to dispose for the helthe of my soule, [etc.]. The resydew of my goodes I will be devydyd in three partes, wherof I will my wyff have one parte, and my chylder another parte, and my executers the thyrde parte to dispose for the helth of my soule with the counsell of my supervisor. I make Alice my wyff and William my sone and m<sup>r</sup> William Dysney gentylman my executores. To the [*folio* 305] same m<sup>r</sup> William Dysney for hys labor xiijs. iiij*d*. [etc.]. I make Thomas Clerke off Ledenham supervisor and I bequeth to hym for hys labor xiijs. iiij*d*. Thes beyng wittenesses, sir Brian Warde curat' ; John Saynton ; and Thomas Warde ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancastr', 5 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CHAMBER [OF PICKWORTH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 366*d*.]

29 March, 1531. I Robert Chamber off Pykworth next Folkyngham makes my testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Andrew of Pykworth. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Pykforth [*folio* 367] in dyscharyng of my conscience anenst God for tithys forgottyn iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady hegh altare of Lincoln ij*d*. To the pore people of Pykforth parych vjs. viij*d*., that to be dysposyd by the handes of my executors at iiij tymys in the yere nexte insuyng my funerall day, at Ester xxd., at Penthecost xxd., att Allhalloy day xxd., and at Crystenmes xxd. To Richerd, John, and William my sonnes and Alice my daughter xls. apiece. To that chylde that is in my wyff wombe yff it fortune to cum to thys worlde and lyve xls. I will that every one of my sayd sonnys have ther stokkes at the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres and my daughter at the day of her maryage. Also yff that my wyff lyff aftyr me a quarter of a yere then I wyll my chyl dren be inhibyt the halffe of ther partes, and then every chylde to have but xxs. and a cowe. To Thomas Hansarde of Pykworth ijs. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix, with John Bete of Lavyngton, and he to have for hys labore xs. These witnes, Thomas Pell chaplain of Pykworth ; William Masard of the same ; with others.

Proved before P., at Burne, 21 October, 1531, by the executrix.



## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HOLME [OF RAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 359.]

1 April, 1531. I William Holme of Rande, seke in body, make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed wythin the church off Rande. To the high alter of Rande for tithys forgottyn one of my best kye. To the high alter of our Lady church of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warkes of the church of Lincoln xij*d*. To Robert Holme. To sir Rawff Holme prest xls. To the coveryng of the steple over the bellys of Rande xxxs. To the church of Rande one koy to fynde a light before our Lady in the north yle for evermore. To Catheryn Vyllessay. To Edward Holme, Thomas Holme, John Smyth, Rawff Smyth, Thomas Smyth, Jane Smyth. The resydue of my goodes to Catheryne Holme my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for my soule helthe. Thes wytnes then present, sir Edward Fulnethby the parson of Rande ; William Lery ; Robert Holme ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 24 April, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. DYKSON [OF SOUTH THORESBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 302*d*.]

2 April, 1531. I Thomas Dykson of Thoresby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of Thoresby, with my mortuary that the lawe will. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altare in Thoresby church viij*d*. To the church warke of Calsby iiij*d*. To the church warke of Helloy iiij*d*. To John my sonne. To Agnes my doughter. The resydue of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and sir John Hill parson supervisor. Thes wittnes, William Todde and Thomas Johnson with other.

Proved before P., at Grenefelde, 10 May, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JENYT MELL [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 301.]

2 April, 1531. I Jenet Mell of Fryskney makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys of Fryskney. To the warkes of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady gylde off Fryskney iiij*d*. To Corpus Xp'i gylde in the same church iiij*d*. To the Roode gylde in the same church v*d*. To the church warkes of Fryskney xx*d*. To the bellys iiij*d*. To the church warkes of Kele xx*d*. To the church warkes of Thorpe xx*d*. To our Lady of Mydylgate iiij*d*. To the fatherles chylder at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d*. To Jane, Thomas, William, Elizabeth, and Isabell Wyotson. To Elizabeth Wyotson my doughter. To Isabell and Agnes Smyth. To Agnes Smyth Robert my sonne wyff. To every one of ther chylder. To Robert Trowtyng my godsun. To Jenet Mell my goddoughter. To William [*folio 301*d*.*] Smyth, Agnes Smyth, Elizabeth Wiotson, Jane Wyotson. To sir Robert Westmellys preste. To sir John Wale preste. To Isabell Smyth my doughter one harnest gerdyll, [etc.]. To Elizabeth Wyotson my doughter my best beades with the juelles, [etc.]. To Agnes Smyth of Thorpe. To Agnes Smyth my goddoughter. To Elizabeth Wyotson my goddoughter. To Elizabeth my doughter. To Margaret Godfray. To Jenet Thyrbek.

To Laurence Wyotson. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Robert Smyth of Thorpe and Thomas Smyth of Fryskene my sonnys, whome I make my executors to dispose the sayd goodes for the helth of my soule by the counsell of sir Robert Westmelles prest, whome I make supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Wayle prest ; Thomas Godfrey ; Thomas Westmelles ; with many other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 10 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WARTER [OF KIRKBY ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 299d.]

2 April, 1531. I John Warther [*sic*] of the parysh of Kyrkby Bayn, husbandman, makes my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady at Kyrkby. To the high alter of Kyrkby for forgottyn and wytholdyn tithys xij*d*. To our Lady off Lincoln warkes viij*d*. V messys to be done at Boston at *Scala celi*. To the churchwarke of Kyrkby vs. To Robert Scherpe my godsone ijs. To a preste to do a trentall off messys for the helthe of my soule xs. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Margery my wyff, whome I make my executrix, with supervysyng off William Wymond, to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they thynke best. Thes wytnes, John Norssy ; Richerde Wylamson ; Richerd Dayste ; and John Pollarde ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. WENTERTON [OF BURGH LE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 301d.]

2 April, 1531. I Thomas Wenterton of Burgh make my will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Burgh. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the church warke vjs. viij*d*. To the reparacions of our Lady chapell iijs. iiij*d*. To the canons of Bollyngton xij*d*. To the nonnys of the same xij*d*. To Robert Rutter xxs., and to hys wyff vjs. viij*d*., and to William Rutter hys sone iijs. iiij*d*., and to John hys sone iijs. iiij*d*. To Agnes my syster iijs. iiij*d*., [etc]. To Alice my syster iijs. iiij*d*. To the blynde wenche that is with Robert Rutter v yerdes blankyt. To the iiij orders of frerrys of Boston xls., that is to every house xs.—to every prest of every house iiij*d*., and every novys ij*d*., the resydue therof be for the reparacions of the place as the priors of the placys thynkes best. I will that iijs. iiij*d*. be done in messys for my soule and all crysten soulys. I will that xxvjs. viij*d*. be done for me at my buryall day yff it may be gottyn of my dettes, or ellys as shortely as it may be gottyn. To Robert Mathewe bocher vjs. viij*d*. of thys condicion that he pay to Robert Rutter xxvjs. viij*d*. off my buryall day or ellys within xxx<sup>ty</sup> days aftyr, yf not he for to pay it when hys day commys hys hole dette to the sayd Robert Rutter. To John Rutter the elder vjs. viij*d*. To hys wyffe iijs. iiij*d*. To hys chylder iijs. iiij*d*. To Margaret Rutter iijs. iiij*d*. To Robert Magnus xxd. To hys wyff xxd. To Catheryne hys doughter iijs. iiij*d*. To sir John Pychell iijs. iiij*d*. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Wenterton xs. The resydue of my goodes I will that Robert Rutter gether them up at my days, who I make my executor, to fulfyll thys my last will and dispose them for the welthe of my soule by the mynde of sir John Pechyll who I make supervisor.

Wytnes, Robert Quadryng; Richerd Brig; John Berber; Robert Mathew; Robert Magnus; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 10 May, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HOWET [OF SWALLOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 353.]

3 April, 1531. I Robert Howet of the parysh of Swallo makyth and ordnyth thys present for my full and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of st Savior in the sayd Swallo. To our mother church off Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warkes ther xij*d*. To the sayd church of Swallo xiijs. iiij*d*. To the high alter in the sayd church xij*d*. To Margaret my doughter aftyr the decease of her mother xxs., [etc.]. To every one of my godchylder iiij*d*. To John Butler. To John Bell vs. To George my servant iiij*d*. To a preste for a trentall xs. To the parson of the sayd towne for tithes and offerynges herbefore neglignently forgotten vjs. viij*d*. For my sepulture vjs. viij*d*. The resydue of all my goodes I will my executors dispose for my soule, [etc.], and in performyng of the same I make Jenet my wyff and Richarde my sonne for my executors. In wytnes herof, sir Walter Curtes; Richerd Hyll; William Vrrey; John Lecka; Richerde Snyder; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 27 April, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY BRANDON [OF LONG BENNINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 355*d*.]

4 April, 1531. I Henry Brandon of Bennyngton makes my testament. My body to be buried in the churchyard of st Swithin. To the reparation of the church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altar of Bennyngton iiij*d*. To the altar of the blessed Mary ij*d*. To the altar of st Thomas ij*d*. To the fenbrig iiij*d*. Item the cawsey iiij*d*. To the chapel of the blessed Mary iiij*d*. To the chapel of Claypole vj*d*. To William Brandon my son. To James Brandon. To Thomas Brandon. To Brigit my maid. The residue of my goods to Joan my wife and John Gammill, whom I make my executors, etc. Witnesses, Thomas Robertes junior; William Whytyng. Dated at Bennyngton as above.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 5 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HONNYNGTON [OF MOULTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 241*d*.]

4 April, 1531. I Robert Honnyngton of Multon, seke of body, makes my testament and my last will. My body to be buried within the churchyerde of All Halloys in Multon. I bequeth in the name of my mortuary that the law will now require. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To st Catheryns without the wallys at Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altare in Multon for tithys forgottyn [*folio* 242] xxd. To iij commune lighttes in Multon vj*d*., that is to say to every on of them ij*d*. To the Sconce light in Multon ij*d*. To the church warke of Multon ijs. To Margaret my wyff a cotage of freholde wich was sumtyme William Munforth; also a pasture that was Munforth, and fyve acres of landes that was Roger Westes, the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease I wyll that



they remayn to my sonne Simon and to hys heyres of hys body ; and yff he dy without heyres of hys body then they shall remayn to Jane my doughter and to her heyres of her body. I wyll as sone as my sonne Simon hath heyres of hys body that he pay to my doughter Jane xxvjs. viiij*d*. To my sone Simon iiij acres of copy holde lande in fee symple the wich I bought late of Thomas Hyll. To Margaret my wyff the croppe that now is sawne of the foresayd iiij acres. I will that a trentall be done in the parysh church of Multon for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulis. The resydew of my goodes I gyff them to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrice to dispose for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulis. I wyll that Robert Nicoll be supervisor, and have for hys labor vjs. viiij*d*. Thes men be the testes, sir Xp'ofor Wryght ; Robert Angell ; Thomas Carter ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT EMUNDSON [OF THEDDLETHORPE  
ST HELEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 394.]

5 April, 1531. I Robert Emundson of the paryshe of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Thedilthorpe makyth thys my last will and testament. My body to have the sepulture in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene above namyd. To the high altare iijs. iiij*d*. To the picture of our [*folio 394d.*] Lady standyng in our Lady qwere in the same church a yowe and iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in the same church iiij*d*. To the buyldyng of the steeple ther ix*s*. vj*d*. To the warkes off our mother church of Lincoln xij*d*. To the bellys in the parysche church off All Halloys of Thedythorpe xxd. To the parysh church off Mabilthorpe xij*d*. To the high altare in the parysh church off Stane xij*d*. To the church warkes of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret off Wetherne vjs. viiij*d*. To William my sonne vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. I will that John Carter shall have the keypyng of him and of hys legacy to he cum to the age of mariage. To John my sun vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. I will that George Emundson my father shall have the keypyng off him and of hys legacy unto he cum to the age of mariage. To Jenet my doughter vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. and I will that Helene my wyff have the custody of her and of her legacy to she cum to the age of maryage. I will that yff William my sun dye or he cum to the forsayd age I will that John my sun shall have hys hole legacy when he cumyth to the age of mariage. I will that yff it fortune John my sun to dye or he cum to the sayd age I will that William my sun shall have hys hole legacy when he cumyth to the age of mariage. And yff they bothe dye or they cum to the forsayd age then I will that bothe ther legaces schall be done in good warkes of charite for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulis at the mynde of my executor. I will that yff Jenet my doughtter dy or sche cum to the age of mariage then I will that William and John my ij sonnys shall have her legacy when they cum to the age off mariage. And yff all my sayd chylder dye or they cum to ther sayd age then I will that all ther legaces shall be done in good warkes of charite for my soule and all crysten soulis att the discrecion of my executores. [*Provision in case Helen, the testator's wife, shall be with child.*] [*folio 395.*] [*Provision that the children's guardians shall find sufficient sureties.*] To Helene my wyff xiiij*l*. vjs. viiij*d*. to be payd in money or in catell whether sche will have, and all my housholde stuff as it standes,

[etc.]. To George Emundson my father. To my mother. To Richerde and William my brothers. To Alice, Jenet, and Margaret my systers. To Margaret Carter wyff of John Carter. To John Carter my servant. I will that a preste schall be hyeryd to pray for my soule and all crysten soules the space of a yere, and to have *vl. vjs. viijd.* The resydue of my goodes I leffe in the handes of John Carter, John Whyte, Richerd Emundson, whom I make my executors that they may well and truly dispose all suche goodes as shall remayn of thys my last will parte to my pore frendes and in other good warkes of charite for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulis, and sir Thomas Gylbe to be the supervisor. Thes ar the recorde of thys present will, sir Thomas Gylbe curat; Richerd Browne; John Rodayll; John Hammarton; William Hogeson; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 11 May, 1531.

RICHARD TERWHIT [OF GAINSBOROUGH].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 338.]

5 April, 1531. I Richerd Terwhitt of Gaynsbrough, hole of mynd and perfyte of remembraunce, maketh and ordeyneth this my testament and last will. My bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup> in the church of Allhallowes in Gaynsbrough. To the hye alter of Allhallowes *ijs. iiijd.* I will that therbe a solempe diryge w<sup>th</sup> masse at the day of my buryall, and vijs. to be delte to pore folke in bread and ayle the same daye. To Henry Tirwhite my sonne yf he be alyue xls. and to Henry Clayton my syster sonne xls., of the w<sup>ch</sup> *iiijl.* ther ys in the handes of my syster Jenett Clayton of Cawood v marke. Item a mayre beinge at Dodington, the w<sup>ch</sup> mayre I will that my said syster haue and she to paye the hole *iiijl.* to the two childer aforesaid, and yf it happen ether of them to departe out of this world I will that the hole *iiijl.* remayne to the longer lyuer of them, and yf so be that they bothe departe out of this world afore the said *iiijl.* be delyueryd to them, I will that the said *iiijl.* remayne to the handes of myne executors, and they to destribute and dispose yt to the health of my sowle and all the sowles that I am bound to pray for. The residewe of my goodes not bequeathed I will that they be at the gouernanc of sir Richerd Harpam the parson of Springthrope, Roberte Maye, and John Nixson seruantes to my Lord Borowe, whome I make myne executors, that they shall dispose the goodes for the health of my sowle and all christian sowles, and they to haue xs. for ther labour. Wittnes herof, m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brough of Gaynsbrouge aforesaid; m<sup>r</sup> doctor Topliffe vicar of the same; sir Simond Wallington capellanus of the same; John Marshall of the same; w<sup>th</sup> many mooe.

Proved at Owston, 16 June, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON PAULYN [OF WYBERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 237.]

6 April, 1531. I Simon Paulyn of Wyberton make thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Leogerde in Wyberton. To our mother churche of Lincoln *vjd.* To the high altare in Wyberton church *viijd.* To the altare of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne [*folio 237d.*] there *iiijd.* To the altare of s<sup>t</sup> Anne there *viijd.* To the altare of our Lady there *iiijd.* To Elizabeth my wyff thre stong lande

lying in Wyberton the terme of her lyff naturall, and aftyr her decease to Alice my doughter here heyres and assygnes for ever. To the same Alice too pare of flaxen schetes, one of them with a blak lace of sylke, too pyllos of the best, one bed hyngyng, one meateclothe of flaxyn, [etc.]. Yff the sayd Alice my doughter decease before sche cum at lafull age I will the sayd iij stong lande be equally devydyd emonges my brother William Leyff chyl dren; and yff it fortune them all to decease before they cum at lafull age, I will the sayd iij stong lande be solde by the next of the kyn and the money therof recyvyd to be disposyd in dedes of charite for the helthe of my soule, my sayd wyff soule, and all crysten soulys. To my brother William Leyff. To hys wyff, and to Adlarde Leyff ther sonne. To every one off my godchyl dren. The resydue of my goodes I put them in the disposicion of Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I will William Leyff be supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Richerd Stevenson and sir John Orton prestes; Thomas Ball; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 22 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. RYCARDSON OF ST CUTHBERT'S, [LINCOLN].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 349d.]

7 April, 1531. I William Richardson of the paryshyng of s<sup>t</sup> Cuthbert ordens and makes my will. My body to be buryed within the church of s<sup>t</sup> Cuthbertes, and I gyff therfore vjs. viiij*d*. To the high alter in the same church xx*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Thomas Crysty my prentys a floyt, a graver, and a hatchet. I will that a trentall of messys be done for my soule the day of buryall, and I gyff therfore xs. The resydue of my goodes I will that they be praysyd and then to be devydyd in thre partes, one parte to Jenet my wyffe, the secunde parte to my chylder, the thyrde parte to be disposyd for the well off my soule and all crysten soules. And yff that any of my chylder dye within age, the halffe of that parte shall remane to the other chylder and the other parte to be dysposed for our soulys and for all crysten soulys. To sir William Moyses iijs. iiij*d*. to be good to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and the aforesayd sir William Moyses to be supervisor. Wytnes herof, sir Thomas Crosfelde; Edward Crosfelde; Hugh Manser; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 April, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LONGCASTRE [OF LINCOLN].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 295d.]

8 April, 1531. I sir John Longcastre, preste, seke in body, makes my last mynde and testament. My body to be buryed within the church of the Frerys Domynyckes within the cite of Lincoln, and the sayd frerys to have for my buryall xs. To the prior of the same frerys iijs. iiij*d*. To the convent of the same iijs. iiij*d*. I will ther be done of the day of my buryall a trentall off messes. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the church of s<sup>t</sup> Peters at Pley xij*d*. To the other iij orders of frerys in Lincoln iche of them xx*d*. I will that a preste do syng for my soule and all crysten sollys the space of iij yeres, and he to have every yere for hys salary vl., and dayly to say placebo and dirige. I wyll that iiij prestes bere me to the church, and iche one of them to have for ther labor viij*d*.



I will that ther be viij quartern candyllys at my buryall and vj torchys, and my executors to pay for the waste of them. The resydewe of all my goodes I gyff to the dysposicion of sir Thomas Ellys preste and William Sowthe fysher of the citie of Lincoln, whome I orden my executors, to dispose my goodes for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys and other of them to have for ther labor xs. I will that Thomas Burton yonger be my supervisor, and to have for hys labor xs. Wytnes werof, sir William Smythe, sir Thomas Frere prestes ; Xp'ofer Smythe bocher ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 19 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ALMONSON [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 242d.]

9 April, 1531. I John Almonson of Boston, draper, makyth my last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of saint Botulphe in Boston. To the highe altare of Boston viij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln v*d*. To the fatherles chylde*r* i*d*. To the gylde of seven martirs iiij*d*. To Elizabeth my wyff the house y<sup>t</sup> I dwell in for the space of xij yeres, and then I will it remayn to John Almonson my eldest sone ; and yff it fortune him to dye or the sayd yeres be expyrd, I will the house remayn to William my sone, and so from William to my doughters aftyr the forme abouesayd, that is to say euery one to be other heyres. To the reparacion of the house of the Whyte frerys i*d*. To euery one of my chylde*r* xls. a chylde for ther chyldeys parte. The resydue of all my goodes my dettes payd I bequeth unto Elizabeth my wyff, wich I make full and hole executrix to dispose and do w<sup>t</sup> them as she thynkes best for the helth of my soule. Also I orden and make sir William Almonson my brother and William Paynter my unkyll supervisors. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Otuell Cowper ; frere Edward Watson prior of the Whyte frerrys ; and William Bollys ; w<sup>t</sup> many other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 24 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. CRAYNE [OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 393d.]

10 April, 1531. I Thomas Crayn of Sowthormesby makyth my last will. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Leonerde in Southormesby, with that that the lawe requyryth in the name off my mortuary. To the high altare for forgottyn tithys iiij*d*. To the churchwarke of the same xij*d*. To the gylde of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in the same halff a quarter off barley. To our Lady in our mother churche of Lincoln v*d*. To the churchewarke of the same v*d*. To our Lady light in the churche off Brynkyll. To Jenet Crayn vjs. viij*d*., [etc.]. To Jenet my wyff yff sche kepe her unmarried all the remanent of my goodes unbequethyd, and yff sche mary I will that John my sonne and Jenet my doughter shall have halffe with her to them and to theyr chylde*r*. The which Jenet my wyff and John my sonne I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys and for all crysten soulys. Thes wytnes, Richerd Stapulforthe prest ; Henry Hurn preste ; William Helwys ; Thomas Wycam.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD KENT [OF LONG LEADENHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 356.]

11 April, 1531. I Richerd Kente makes and ordens thys my will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Swythine in Longledenham. To the high alter for tithys forgottyn viij*d*. To our Lady light in Ledenham xij*d*. To our Lady warkes in Lincoln xij*d*. To Robert Newcum. To my mother my yron bounde wayn. To vij of John Newcom chylder [*folio 356d.*] every on xij*d*., sum vijs. To Edmund Newcom ij chylder ether of them xij*d*., sum ijs. To John Thomlynson xij*d*. To the bying off a grale booke to the church of Ledenham iijs. iiij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln every on iiij*d*., sum xv*d*. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to my mother and Edmund Newcom and John Newcom, whome I make my executors, and at they dispose for the helthe of my soule as it shall please them best. Wytnesses, William Gardoys; John Londesdale; and John Tomlynson; with other.

Proved before P., at Ancastr', 5 May, 1531, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET SHEFFELDE [OF SOUTH ELKINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 405.]

11 April, 1531. I Margaret Sheffelde, widow, makys my last will. My body to be buryd in the churche of All Halloys in Southelkyngton. I bequeth a lyn shete to the highe altare of Southelkyngton; ij sylver sponys to William Hoblethorne and hys wyff; one sylver spone to the vicare off Southelkyngton; a masser and a sylver spone to Jamys Browne; one altare clothe of dyaper to our Lady altare in the churche of Southelkyngton. To John Bloxham vjs. viij*d*. To Robert Bekeryng vjs. viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To our Lady of Alvyngham viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Augustyn viij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to William More and Agnes hys wyff, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, Jamys Bieche vicare of Southelkyngton; George Smyth; Jamys Smyth; John Lynley; Robert Browne; with other moo.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 29 July, 1531, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. ANTON [OF HUNDLEBY].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 300*d*.]

12 April, 1531. I William Anton of Hundylby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche of Hundylby, w<sup>t</sup> that that the lawe requiryth to be my mortuary. To our Lady of Hundylby v*d*. To the church of Hundylby v*d*. To our mother churche of Lincoln xviiij*d*. To Agnes my wyff iiij kye, ij calves, x yowes, and x lammys. To the sayd Agnes one baye fole of iij yeres olde and iij swyne, also a mashing tubbe, ij gylng tubbys, one ambre, one arke, [etc.]. And yff the sayd Agnes do departe frome Simond my sone, then I wyll the iij tubbys do remane to the sayd Simon; and aftyr the decease of the sayd Agnes I will that the sayd gret arke to remane to Margaret my doughter; and yff that she do dye before she be maryed,

then I will that the sayd gret arke do remane to Simon, my sone. To Agnes my wyff and Margaret my doughter all my pewter vessell equally to be devydyd betwyxth them. To Thomas my sone ij yowes, [etc.]. To Jenet Anton the doughter of Thomas Anton a cowe. To Elizabeth Woodrofe a yowe and a lamme. To Margaret wyff unto Simon Anton a brasse potte of ij gallons, [etc.]. To our Lady gylde of Hundylby one schepe. The resydew of my goodes not gyffyn nor bequethyd my dettes payd and my will fulfyllyd I gyff them to Simon my sone, whome I mak my executor. In wytnes herof, sir Robert Dawson, vicar ; Robert Jenkynson ; Thomas Wryght ; Libeus Smyth ; w<sup>t</sup> other moy.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 10 May, 1531, by the executor.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SMYTH [OF WELLOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 354.]

12 April, 1531. I John Smyth of Lath Garthys in the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Augustyn and s<sup>t</sup> Olyff next Grymesby makes my testament. My body to be buried in the monastery of s<sup>t</sup> Augustyn and s<sup>t</sup> Olyff of Welhoo next Grymesby. To the parysh alter iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady warke off Lincoln iiij*d*. To Elizabeth my wyff all my landes and tenementes within the towne and felde off Brygeslay excepte iiij acres of lande the wich I bought of sir Robert Lowe, wich iiij acres I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff the thyrde parte terme of her lyff. To Thomas Smyth my sonne all my housys and landes aftyr the decease of my wyff excepte the forsayd iiij acres. To William my sonne one close lying in Brygeslay, of wich close I will that my wyff have the thyrde duryng her lyffe, and aftyr her decease my sonne Wylliam to have holy the close and the iiij acres. To Margaret my doughter xxs., [etc.]. To Emme my doughter xxs., [etc.]. To Isabell my doughter xls., [etc.]. To Agnes my doughter xls., [etc.]. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she shall dispose thame for the helth of my soule, [etc.], as I have gyffyn her informacion. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir William Kyrkby ; John Grenefelde ; Robert Reyfflay ; William Browne ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 27 April, 1531, by the executrix.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF EDMUND KNYGHT [OF SKELLINGTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 329*d*.]

21 April, 1531. I Edmund Knyght off Skellynghope beyng in hole mynde and save dredyng dethe makyth my laste will and testament. My body to be buried in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Laurence of Skellynghope. Therto I bequeth vjs. viij*d*. For forgottyn tithys ijs. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Hugh my sonne. To Howes my doughter. To Jenet my doughter. To Humfray my sonne. To every one of my sonnys chyl dren. To the vicare. [*folio* 330]. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to my wyff Jenet, and she to be my executrix, and Hugh my sonne with her, to dispose for the helthe of my soule. Wytnes theroff, sir Robert Kyppas ; Jamys Langton ; Bartholomew Tuffyn ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 16 June, 1531, by the executors.



## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD PARKER [OF GRAINSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 280d.]

23 April, 1531. I Richerd Parker makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed within the churchyerde in Granesby, with my dew mortuary aftyr custome. To our Lady of Lincoln *ijd.* and to our Lady warkes *ijd.* To the churche of Granesby halffe one acre barly. To *st* Nicholes *iiijd.* To the parson halff a quarter malte. The resydew of my goodes my dettes payd to be devydyd in thre partes, the one parte for my buryall, the second parte to my wyff, the thyrde parte to my chyl dren. I make Jenet my wyff and Robert Parker my sonne executors. Wytnesses, George Byillesby parson of Granesby; William Waltham; John Bemonde; Thomas Stevynson; John Arke[ll]; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 14 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS ELLERS [OF THEDDLETHORPE ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 271.]

24 April, 1531. I Nicholes Ellers of Thedilthorpe makes thys my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde off All Halloys of Thedylthorp aforesayd. To the high altare of All Halloys *iiijd.* To the warkes of our blessyd Lady of Lincoln *ijd.* To the blessyd hed off holy *st* Hugh of Lincoln *ijd.* To Nicholes Ellers my fader vjs. *viiijd.* To every one of my chyl dren singularly by ther selff a yowe and a lamme. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Jenet my wyff that she may dispose it for the helthe of my soule and all my frendes soullys. I make Jenet my wyff executrix. I will that William Liesthorpe and John Cowper be the supervisors, and thay shall have *iijs. iiijd* for ther labor. Thes wytnesses, sir Nicholes Bonner vicar; Robert Heryng; George Woer; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.

## RICHARD STEUNSON [OF CROWLE].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 345.]

27 April, 1531. I Richard Steuenson of Crowle, hole of mynd and remembraunce, ordaynes and makes my last will and testament. I witt my sowle to allmightie God to his mother Marye and to all the sayntes in heauen, and my bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup> in the church yeard of *st* Oswald marter in Crowle. To the hye alter of the said church *iiijd.* To our Ladye of Lincoln *jd.* The residewe of all my goodes not witt I geue to Jenatt my wyfe and John my sonne, whome I makes my faythfull executores for to dispose for my sowle. Thes wittnesses, sir Roberte Glewe, curate; Thomas Dynchdayle; Harrye Steuenson; John Tuttyll; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved at Owston, 16 June, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BAYTE [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 395d.]

28 April, 1531. I John Bate the elder off the parysh of *st* Guthlac of Tofte makes my testament concludyng in it my last will. My body to

be buried in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak, and for my mortuary that the lawe and the custome of the kyng schall require. To the onornament of the blessyd sacrament ther iiij*d*. For tithys forgottyn ther iiij*d*. To the good and proffitable warkes of our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ther ij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Boston ij schepe equally to be devydyd emong them at the Natiuitie of our Lady nexte insewyng. To Jenet Bate my doughtter in lawe. To Luce Gybson. To Robert Bate sun of Richerd Bate. I will that a trentall be sung within the churche of Tofte for my soule and all my good frendes soulys continually aftyr my deceasse. To Elizabeth my wyff my house the whiche I wonne in with v roode of pasture lying under it and iij roode off arable lande lying at Brode Grenys and halff one acre on the Hye gate the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her deceasse the sayd house with the v roode pasture shall remayn to John Bate my sonne and to the heyres of hys body ; [remainder] to Robert Bate my sonne and to hys heyres off hys body. To Robert Bate my sonne aftyr the deceasse of hys mother iij roode arable lande lying at Brode Grenys and halff an acre one the high gate to hym and hys heyres of hys body ; [remainder] unto John Bate my sonne and to the heyres of hys body. And yff it fortune the forsayd John and Robert my sonnys to deceasse without heyres of ther bodys [folio 396] then I will the sayd house and lande be solde and the money therof takyn for to be expsendyd in syngyng of prestes and in other charitable dedes within the churche of Tofte for my soule and all my good frende soulys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them holy to John Bate and Robert Bate my sonnys, whome I make my executors for to dispose for the helth of my soule and my good frendes soulys as they shall thynke best to the pleas' of God. Thes wytnesses, sir John Tateshall; Robert Wyffyn ; Robert Broune ; and Rabdyke [*sic*] the elder ; with other mo yff nede require.

Proved before P., at Boston, 24 May, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT VERO [OF CROFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 330*d*.]

30 April, 1531. I Robert Vero of Crofte makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys in Crofte. To my curat in the name of my mortuary to pray for me xiijs. iiij*d*. To the high altare in Crofte for tithys forgottyn viij*d*. To our Lady altare xij*d*. To the bellys xij*d*. To our Lady altare in Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warke viij*d*. To every religiose house of the frerys in Boston v*d*. I witt xs. for a trentall of messys to be sayd at *Scala celi* in Boston for my soule and all crystyn soulys. To Alice my wyff my housholde holy, [etc.]. To every one of my fyve chyldren iiij*d*. at the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres or ellys at suche tyme as my executors thynkes proffyt for them, [etc.]. To Thomas my sone. To Thomas Grymstone my godsun a yeryng stawke. To every of my godchylder in Crofte. To Robert Hall. Also thys my last will and goodes I put them holy in the handes of sir John Vero and Stevyn Grymstone, whome I make my executors, and for ther labor xiijs. iiij*d*. and the rewarde of God. Wytnessyth sir Thomas Russyll curate ; sir Thomas Banester ; John Halyn ; William Broune ; Robert Hall.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 June, 1531, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BAKER [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 396.]

7 May, 1531. I Richerd Baker, of the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlake of Tofte makes my testament concludyng in it my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak. For my mortuary that the lawe and kynges acts shall require. To the blessyd sacrament ther for tithys forgotten iiij*d*. To the good and profitabyl workes off our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ther ij*d*. To the church warkes of Tofte iiij*d*. To Steven Baker my sonne a yong balde meyr and a scheder callfe. To John Baker my sonne. To Jenet and Agnes Baker my doughttters. To Alice my wyff my carte and my plough with all the harnes belongyng to the same the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decesse my carte with the harnes to remayn to Stevyn my sonne and the plough with the harness to John [*folio 396d.*] my sonne. To Alice my wyff my house standyng in Landerthorpe and ij acres pasture lying vnder it, and a acre arable lande lying one the Gayste the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decesse the house with the ij acres pasture lying vnder it to remayn to Stephyn Baker my sonne, hys heyres, and assygnés. To John Baker my sonne aftyr the decesse of hys mother an acre of arable lande lying on the Gaste, to hym hys heyres of hys body. [Remainder] to Stevyn my sonne, to hym hys heyres of hys body ; [remainder] to the nexte heyr of me Richerde Baker for ever. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff them to Alice my wyffe, to pay my legaces my dettes and for to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soullys as she shall thynke best to the pleas' of God and the helthe of my soule and Thomas Romforthe to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, sir John Tateshall ; John Bell ; with other mo yff nede require.

Proved before P., at Boston, 24 May, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FOSTER [OF BOULTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 330.]

8 May, 1531. I William Foster of the paryshyng of Bultham makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the chyrch or church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene in Bultham. To the high altare for tithynges forgottyn viij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln viij*d*. each. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To Johanne my daughter. To John Sawer. To Isabell Foster. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff and John and Robert my sonnys, whome I make my executors, and they to dispose my goodes for the helthe of my soule, at the syght of master Robert Sutton esquier the supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Robert Gawber curet ; John Craven ; Xp'ofer Sawer ; and John Walys.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 June, 1531, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF HELENE METCALFF [OF SWYNHOPE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 237*d*.]

16 May, 1531. I Helene Metcalffe of Swynhope, vido, makyth my laste testament. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Swynhope. To the altare of Swynhope xij*d*. To sir Richerde Thomlynson parson vjs. viij*d*. To our Ladys warke off Lincoln xij*d*.



To Richerde Metcalve my sun a mayzar and all my coppys in Bymbroke, and to every one of hys chylder. To Jenet Howton, Isabell Howton, Alice Day, Beatrix Day, Walter Day, Helene Gonerley. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff them to Richerde Howton, whome I make my executor, and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d.*, and Thomas Lysone supervisor, and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d.* Thes wytnes, sir Richerde Thomlynsone parson; Thomas Lyson; Thomas Thomlynson; Richerde Howtton; Walter Day; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grymmesby, 11 February, 1533.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BUCKNALL [OF CANWICK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 287*d.*]

20 May, 1531. I William Bucknall of Canwyk next Lincoln, seke in body, make and orden this my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche of All Halloys in Canwyk. To the high altare of Canwyk for my tithis forgottyn xij*d.* and one quarter of barly. I bequeth v acre of berly to the sayd churche. To Fyskerton churche halffe a quarter of barly. To our Lady warke in Lincoln xij*d.* To the Gray frerys halffe a quarter of malte and one stryke of barly. To the other iij orders of frerys every order one stryke of barly. To the chylder of the barne house<sup>1</sup> halffe a quarter of barly. I bequeth a yeryng calffe to the paryshyng of Canwyk to make them a commune bull off. To Thomas Buknall sonne of Fyskerton. To the Gray frere the wiche was my gostly father xs. for to do a trentall of messes in Canwyk churche for my soule and all crysten soules. To Will' Dabney the elder. I will that a quarter of malte shall be brewyd and iiij dosyn bred and iiij stonys of chese to be delte for my soule in Canwyk churche. To Thomas Bucknall my brother, whome I make my executor, vij acre of pease, one acre of wheate to that intente that he shulde take the resydue of my goodes and bryng up my chylder to they be at lafull age. And then he to delyver them ther barne partes. I make William Dabney the elder supervisor. Wytnes, sir Richerde Harwe my gostly father; William Wynter; Jamys Symnyll; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 February, 1531-2, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT MUSGRAVE [OF CAYTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 274*d.*]

21 May, 1531. I Robert Musgrave of Cathorpe make and orden this my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the parysh churche of s<sup>t</sup> Vincent in Cathorpe. To my lady Jane Hussy ij bullokes which I boroyd of her, and one cowe the best in my yerde. To m<sup>r</sup> Fokyngham ij staggas, j red sorrylde with a whyte face trottyng and a blake amblyng, and a blake velvet dooblet wich is with Robert Huchynson within thre myle of Beuerlay, [etc.]. To William Cooke. To masterys Isabell. To our mother churche of Lincoln xij*d.* To the vicar of Halton a bawsand nage. To sir Rawff Parker a pare of beades with a domme, [etc.]. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Dorothe my wyff, Jane and Anne my daughters, whome I make my executors. I make m<sup>r</sup> Cristofer Bothe to be supervisor. Yeven at Cathorpe. Thes wytnesses, sir Rawff Parker

<sup>1</sup> That is, the orphans of St Katherine's priory.

curate ; m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Fokyngham ; Anthony Swynton ; William Coke ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Castr', 19 April, 1532. Administration granted to Dorothy the relict, reserving power to grant to Joan and Anne the daughters when they come to lawfull age.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ELWARD [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 239d.]

I Robert Elwarde of Gedney makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Gedney. For my mortuary accordyng unto the actes of the parliament. To the high altare off Gedney for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To the pore [*folio* 240] chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns v*d*. To every light within the sayd churche of Gedney j*d*. To the churchwarke of Gedney vjs. viij*d*.

Thys is the last will of me the forsayd Robert. To Richerd my sonne my hed house with vij acres of arable grounde lying underneth it be it more or lesse, he to have it immediatly aftyr the departyng off Margaret my wyff to hym and to hys heyres of hys body lawfully begottyn ; also vj acres of pasture grounde lying beneth the forsayd vij acres, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body. To John my sonne my house that sumtyme was Godfray Dynyells with iiij acres of arable ground underneth it be it more or les, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body lefully cumyng, aftyr the decease of my wyff ; also ten acres of pasture grounde lying by Gedney Crosse be it more or lesse, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body lefully cumyng, aftyr the decease of my wyff. To Thomas my sonne viij acres of pasture grounde lying in Byllys Hurne to hym and to hys heyres of hys body, aftyr the decease of my wyff. I will that Richerd and John my sonnes gyff Agnes my daughter every one of them xxs. within a twelmonthe and one day aftyr that they cum to ther landes. I will that Richerd and John my sonnes gyff Margaret my daughter every on of them xxs. within too yers after they cum to ther landes. I will that yff anny of my iij sonnys departe without issue of ther bodyes lefully cumyng, I will that hys landes that is departed be devydyd betwyxt the other too that be alyff. And yff Richerd or John departe without issue of ther bodyes before ther mother, then I will the other too beyng alyff have hys landes equally devydyd, that is departyd betwyxte them, so that Richard or John whether it be pay to Agnes and Margaret my daughters every one of them xxs. as is before namyd, and also halffe of hys brother parte by the reason that he cum to halffe of hys brother house and landes, and the other to pay the other halffe, that is to say every one of them xxs. within the twelmonthe and a day to Agnes and Margaret then beyng a lyff as is before rehersyd. I will that yff Richerde my sonne and [*folio* 240d.] John departe thys worlde without issue of ther bodyes lefully cumyng, then I will that Thomas my sonne beyng a lyff have all hys brothers housys and landes, he to pay hys systers Agnes and Margaret then beyng a lyff every one of them xls. as rehersyd afore, and also to fynde a good and a honest preste for to pray for me and my good frendes for the space of halff yere in the church of our Lady in Gedney within the space of ij yeres aftyr that he cum to hys housys and landes, or ellys I will that the church masters of Gedney beyng at the

same tyme shall sell viij acres of pasture grounde that the forsayd Thomas shulde have, lying in Byllys Hurne, for to dispose for me and my good frendes in celebratyng within the churche of Gedney. Yff Agnes or Margaret departe without issue of ther bodyes before ther mother departe, then I will that the xls. that she shulde have had that is departed be disposyd in celebratyng of a good and a honest prest within the church of Gedney. And yff that Agnes and Margaret departe owt of thys worlde bothe before ther mother without issue of ther bodyes, then I will that the sylver that they shulde have had be disposyd in celebratyng of a good and a honest prest within the church of Gedney for me and my goode frendes. I will that yff Richerde, John and Thomas departe without heyres of ther bodys, then I will that Agnes and Margaret my doughters then beyng alyff have all my housys and landes equally devydyd betwyxt them, and they to fynde a preste to pray for me and my good frendes by the space of halff a yere. I will that yff other of them departe without heyres of ther bodys, the other that is a lyff to have all my housys and landes, [*folio 241*] she to fynde a prest as is afore namyd. Yff Agnes and Margaret my doughters departe thys worlde without heyres of ther bodys, then I will that all my housys and landes that I have besolde by the churchwardens of Gedney beyng at that tyme, and the money theroff cumyng to be disposyd in celebratyng of a good and honest preste for me and my good frendes within the church of Gedney so long as it lastes. The resydue of my goodes I gyff unto my wyff, she to bryng me honestly forthe, whome I make executrix, and John Day supervisor, he to have for hys labor vjs. viiij*d.* Wytnes heroff, sir Richerd Luffdyn ; Morrice Ryngge ; John Nicolson ; John Day ; with other moy. [*No date*]  
 Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 23 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. PEARSON [OF MARSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 373*d.*]

28 May, 1531. I Thomas Pearson of Marston under thys maner foloyng makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of our Lady of Marston. To the high altare of Marston for forgottyn tythys xij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the church of Sydbroke ijs. To our Lady and s<sup>t</sup> Anthony of Sydbroke ij yowys and ij lammys. To the house of Newbo xij*d.* [*folio 374*]. To the Trinite chapell of Marston xij*d.* To the bellys of Marston xij*d.* To the house of Topholme xij*d.* To the churche of Buknall iiij*d.* To the Sellerys<sup>1</sup> iiij*d.* To Richerde Haueray. To sir John Person my sonne xs. To Elizabeth Hanson. To Nicholes Smyth. To Edward Spenser. To syr Thomas Grauy's parysh preste ijs. iiij*d.* To Richerd Haueray and William Person, xl., [etc.], to bryng me honestly to the grounde, pay my debts and dispose for the well of my soule, and I make them executors. Also I will that they have for ther labor other of them a yong fyll. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Edward Spenser and to Nicholes Smyth equally to be devydyd betwixte them at the syght of my sonne sir John Pearson, the wych I make supervysor. Thes wytnes, sir John Wymarke prest ; William Tyler ; Richerd Lyght ; Robert Wryght ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 19 August, 1531, by the executors.

<sup>1</sup> Probably the hermit of Silverys or Sellers, near Topholme.



## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BEN [OF FREISTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 398.]

31 May, 1531. I Richerd Ben of Freston in Holland [*folio 398d.*] do make my testament and laste will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Freston. I will that m<sup>r</sup> prior with hys brethren do receyve me as a brother, and to have for ther labor ijs. iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Ladys warkes ij*d.* To the high altare of Freston xij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys light ij*d.* To our Lady of Grace iiij*d.* To John Lawes an acre lande and a halff lying in Grew felde, and one acre lying in Mylne Crofte in fe symple. To William Dennys a one acre callyd Willo Lande in Schorte furlonges, and thre stong callyd Ellys Lande, and halff one acre callyd Water Grafte in fee symple. To Isabell Skyrbek one acre and a halff lying at Bardeney Pyttes callyd Pollery, and an acre lying in Ted Crofte felde. To John Lawes halff an acre callyd Emry Ryg in fee symple. To Isabell Skyrbek. To the Trinite gylde halff an acre lande callyd Kytchyn Ryg yff the lawe will admyt it, and yff the law willnot admyt my executors to take it and to pay yerely the rent to the sayd gylde for lxxxix yeres. To Thomas Elwarde when he cumys to xvi yeres of age iij nobyls of golde, that is to say xxijs. vj*d.*, and yff he dye before he cum to the sayd age, he to be brought furthe honestly with parte of the sayd money, and the rest therof to be devydyd emong my chyldren. To Collette Ben. To Jenet Dawson xij*d.* To the churche warke vs. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Lawes and William Deynnes, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Peter Ben ; and William Hobson ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD RAY [OF GRANTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 365.]

1 June, 1531. I Richerd Ray makes my last will. My body to be buryd within the church of s<sup>t</sup> Wulfran of Grantham. To the moste [*sic*] and blessyd sacrament for discharge of my conscience ijs. To our mother church of Lincoln for my oblacion xij*d.* To the fatherles chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryn xij*d.* To the church warke of Grantham ijs. All the resydw of my goodes I gyff them unto my wyff, whome I make executrix to se my dettes payd and me brought furthe as she thynkes best for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soulys. Wytnes herof, sir Thomas Newton ; William Marshall ; Thomas Woodcroft ; with others ; and William Marshall to be my supervisor.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 17 October, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SCHORT [OF WALTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 280*d.*]

6 June, 1531. I John Schortt of Waltham makes my testament and last will. My body to be berryd within the churche yerde of Allhawlos of Waltham with that at be dew to the churche. To the hye alter within the churche of Waltham for forgottyn tithys ijs. To the belles in the sayd churche iiij*d.* To owr moder churche of Lincoln iiij*d.* To owr Ladys worke in the sayde churche ij*d.* To Agnes my davther. To Katheryn my douter. To William my son. To Thomas my sone.

To Elyn Schortt my wyffe my howssys and land the qwiche I have within cownte [*sic*] and feld of Waltham for the terme of hir lyffe, and affter her decesse I wyll that William my sown have all the sayde howces and lond to him and his erres. The residowe of my gudes not wyt I beqwithe to Elyn my wyffe and to Thomas Eryn, qwhom I make myne exsectures at tha may dysposse it for the helthe of my sowle. Wyttnes, sir William Yoff<sup>t</sup>; Hew Schortt; Franscys Gren; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 14 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WYBORNE [OF FOSDYKE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 10d.]

6 June, 1531. I Robert Wyborne of Fosdyke, wyver, make my testament. I gyff my soule [etc.], and my body, [etc.], w<sup>t</sup> my mortuary, [etc.]. To the high altare ij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln ij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ij*d*. To the churchwarkes of Fosdyke xij*d*. To Cybell my doughter a gret chyst without fete and xxs. to be payd unto her at the day of her maryage by thandes of her mother. To Stephyn my eldest sun xxs. [etc.], to be payd vnto hym when he cumyth to lafull age by thandes of hys mother. To Jamys my yongest sun xxs. to be payd as aforesaid. I will yff any of theym dy or they come to lafull age that the parte of the dede be devydyd equally emonges the qwyk; yff they all dy and my wyffe lyff, then I will that she shall haue all ther partes. The resydue of my goodes, my body brought to the grounde, all the iij days with messe and dirige, and my dettes paid I gyff to Cecill my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose at her frewyll. Sir Stephen Haythnes to be supervisor. Thes wytness, sir Thomas Pytfelde curate; William Remy; Thomas Hunt; and Thomas Wyborne of Fossedyke.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD KYRKE [OF CLAYPOLE].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 350.]

8 June, 1531. I Richerd Kyrke, seke of body, makes and ordens my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of the holy appostellys Peter and Paull in Claypull. To the high altare of the church of Claypole for tithys forgottyn viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln v*d*. To the cawsy of Clapole iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the church of Clapole i*s*. iiij*d*. To William my sonne. To Jenet my doughter a lyttyll basyn of maslyne, [etc.]. To John and Thomas my sonnes. To Isabelle my doughter iij*l*., [etc.], for to be payd within the yere day. And yff that my wyff go to mariage she for to pay it or she be maryed. And yff that it fortune any of my forsayd iij chyldren for to departe, then I will that they that lyffys for to have the good above namyd; and yff it fortune that they all departe, then I will that it be disposyd for my soule and thers. To sir Robert Hartelay xij*d*. To Allyson my doughter. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Parnell my wyff, whome I make executrix, she for to dispose them for the helthe of my soule as she thynkes the best. Thes wytnesses, sir Robert Hertlay; John Minitte; William Banester; John Alcoke; and many moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 September, 1531.

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<sup>1</sup> Sir William Ive was curate of Waltham (Salter, *A Subsidy*, p. 21.)

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SKAMON [OF SCRIVELSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 388d.]

12 June, 1531. I John Skamon of Screvelsby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Benedicte of Skrevelesby. To the high altare of Skrevelesby my best oxe for tithes forgottyn. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To the churche of Screvelsby vjs. viij*d*. To Mynnyngesby churche xxd. To Claxby churche xxd. To Haltham churche vjd. To Dalderby churche vjd. To the iiij order of frerys at Boston iijs. To Johanne my wyff bredcorne and malte corne for thone yere nexte aftyr my decesse, and it to be payd at the discrecion of Robert Palfrayman, [etc.]. To Robert Skmonde that is with me xxvjs. viij*d*. when he shall cum to the age of xvij yeres. I will that Robert Scamon my sun have the sayd money in hys keypyng tyll he [*folio* 389] cum at the sayd xvij yeres of age. To Thomas Brumtone my servant. To William Skamon my sun xls. and it to be payd be xiijs. iiij*d*. in the yere. To John Roper my servante a gyrdyll whiche William my sun hayth. To sir Thomas Scamon my sun vjs. viij*d*. To every one off my daughters iijs. iiij*d*. I will that my executor cause ij trentallys of messys to be sung in Screvelsby churche for the soulys of me and my wyff. I will that the sayd Robert my sun shall deale of my buryall day to pore folkes vjs. viij*d*., and at my vij<sup>th</sup> day, thyrty day, and seven yeres nexte aftyr my decesse at my yere day to cause a dirige and messe to be done and brede and chese to be delyd for my soule and soulys of my frendes, and thyrtene yeres nexte after the sayd seven yeres I will then ones in the yere to have one dirige and messe done and a messe penny to be offeryd for my soule, and the curet to have for hys labor vjd. To sir John Tayllor paryshe preste of Skrevelesby vjs. viij*d*. to pray for my soule. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Robert Scamon my sone, whome I make my executor, and Robert Palfreyman to be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d*.

Thys is the last will of me the sayd John Scamon. To the sayd Robert Scamon my sun and executor my tenement in Screvelsby with all the landes medoys, [etc.], within the towne and feldes of Screvelsby and Dalderby aftyr thys condicion that he shall truly performe all thynges above wryt and also pay yerely an annuite of vjs. viij*d*. owt of the sayd tenement to the sayd Johanne my wyff terme of her naturall lyff, and he to make her sewer therof by the syghttes of her frendes; always provydyd yff the sayd Robert my sun do not performe all gyfftes and bequethementes above wryt then I will the sayd Robert Palfreyman shall enter and take into hys handes all my goodes, [etc.]. Witnes heroff [*folio* 389d.] desyred and requesyte, sir John Tayllour paryshe preste of Screvelsby; William Welles of the same; John Richerdson of the same; Robert Tolkyne of the same; and Oliuer Chapman of the same; with other mo.

Proved before P. at Lincoln, 28 July, 1531, by the executor.

## THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES STYLL [OF MARSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 365.]

13 June, 1531. I Agnes Styll of Marston, vnder thys maner foloyng makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church



yerde of our Lady of Marston. To the holy sacrament of the altare my best kyrchyff. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high altare of Marston viij*d*. To Thomas Grauys xij*d*. To Margery Dowke a smok, a napurne, a kyrchyff. To Isabell Chambres my best apurne, [etc.]. To Jenet Chaplyn. To holde Agnes that was in house with me. To Isabell her syster a cannys. To John my sonne xxvjs. viij*d*. To Gerrerde my sonne xxvjs. viij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I will it be devydyd equally emongste my chylder at the sight and order of Thomas Styll, my sonne Gererde Styll, and Thomas Ayston, whome I make mye executors, and every one of them to have for ther labors xxd. a pece. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Grauys ; Thomas Mylman ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 16 October, 1532. Administration granted to Gererd Styll and Thomas Ayston, the executors, reserving power to grant to Thomas Styll the son when he shall come to lawful age.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES [*sic*] SYGRAVE [OF STOWE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 367.]

15 June, 1531. I Alice Sygrave of Stowe makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of Stowe. To m<sup>r</sup> prior of Sempyngham vjs. viij*d*. To the nunnys vjs. viij*d*. To the chanons vjs. viij*d*. To the high altare of Stowe my best schete to be altare clothe, and my best kyrchyff to be a corporax. To s<sup>t</sup> Awdre a bee hyve of the best, and a towell. To Richard Sygrave xls. To Jenet Grene my doughter a grene gowne and a hake, [etc.]. To Thomas Wryght off Frekyngham. To Thomas Wryght doughtt<sup>r</sup> of Frekyngham. To Richerd Sygrave doughter of Frekyngham. To William Newton doughter of Frekyngham. To Richerd Sygrave doughter of Stowe. To Richerd Sygrave wyff of Stowe. To Adam Sygrave wyff of Stowe. To Emmot Sygrave. To Thomas Sygrave of Stowe. To Jenet Newton of Stowe. To Catheryne Stele. To danne William Skelton xxd. to pray for me. I make Richerd Sygrave and Adam Sygrave my sonnys my executors of my goodes not bequeth' to use them as they thynke best for the helthe of my soule. Wytnes, danne William Skelton ; Richerd Sygrave ; Adam Sygrave ; Richard Sygrave off Frekyngham ; Thomas Wryght of the same ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Burne, 21 October, 1531, by the executors.

ROGER DOLPHYN [OF GUNTHORPE].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 275.]

29 June, 1531. I Roger Dolphyn of Gunthrope w<sup>th</sup> in the parishe of Owston in the Ile of Axholme, seeke of bodye and hole of mynd, makes my testament conteyninge my hole and last will. My bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup> in the church yeard of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn of Owston. Vnto the hye alter of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn for my tythes forgotten xij*d*. To our Ladye worke of Lincoln' xij*d*. I will halfe a messe and a [page 276] dirige singinge in the parishe church of Owston for my sowle and all christian sowles. I bequeath xxd. to a prest to say v messes for my sowle. To my wyffe and to my childer hollye together the rentes of William Dolphins howse the space of iij yeares from the feast of s<sup>t</sup> Michael Arckangil next folowinge xxjs.

in the yeare. The resedewe of all my goodes I geue to Katheryne my wyffe, whome I make myne executrix, so that she dispose for the healthe of my sowle as is best pleasinge to allmightie God. I will that Thomas Lawton' of Kenald Ferye be ouerseer of this my will. Thes wittneseth, sir Roberte Cundall' chauntrye prest of Kenall' Ferye ; Thomas Lawton' of the same ; Thomas Dolphyn' of Stockw<sup>th</sup> ; and Thomas Moodye the sonne of William Moodye of Gunthrope ; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved before L., at Gaynsbrough, 20 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. WAY [OF NORTH COCKERINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 373.]

1531. I William Way of the paryshyng of Cokryngton Marie makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of Cokryngton. To the sacrament in Cokryngton church for tithys and oblations forgottyn *xd*. To our Lady warke of our mother churche of Lincoln *ijs*. To our Lady lyght in Cokryngton churche *xijd*. To a light before our Lady of Pety *xijd*. To Alvyngham churche *vjd*. To Sowthe Cokryngton churche *xijd*. To John Cooke a mellyd russyt jaket. To Robert Cooke. To my syster. The resydue of my goodes I will it be devydyd in thre partes, I to have the fyrst parte and that to be disposyd for the helth of my soule, the secunde to Agnes my wyff, and the thyrd to my chyl dren. I make to be my executor Robert Johnson, and he to have for hys labor *vjs. viijd*. Wytnes heroff, sir Richerd Browne ; Roger Yarburgh ; Martyn Raynolde ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 30 June, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BAYTHE [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 368d.]

2 July, 1531. I Robert Bathe of Pynchbek makes my last testament and will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Pynchbek. To the high altare for tithes forgottyn *vjd*. To the church warke of Lincoln *iiijd*. To the chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *ijd*. The reste of all my goodes I gyff them to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix, with Richerd Bathe and John Coke to be supervisors.

Also I make my will in the same day and date abovenamyd. To Jenet my wyff my house that I woone in with the appurtenances longying therto the terme of her lyff, and after her decease I will it remayn to Susan my doughter to her and to her heres of her body. And yff it fortune Susan my doughter to dye without heres of her body, I will the sayd house be solde be my supervisors yff they then be a lyff and the money to be dysposyd of a prest to syng for me and all my good frende soulys within the church of Pynchbek. And yff fortune bothe my supervisors to dye before my wyff or daughter, then I will the sayd house with the appurtenance be solde be the churchwardens and the vicare of the towne of Pynchbek then beyng, and the money to be disposyd as above is namyd. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Hill prest ; Edward Wytney ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Pynchbek, 9 November, 1531.

## JOHN TYLL [OF NETHER BURNHAM].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 359.]

4 July, 1531. I John Tyll of Netherburham in the parish of Haxaye, of hole mynde makes my testamente. My bodye to be buryed in the church yeard of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholas in Haxaye. To the hye awter in the said churche xij*d*. To our Ladyes workes in Lincoln' iiij*d*. Moreouer I will that my goodes shalbe deuyded in iij partes, one of the partes to my wyfe and myne eldest sonne, the second parte to my selfe, the thirde to my other childer, and the residewe of my parte vndisposed at my buryall I geue yt to my wyfe and to myne eldist sonne, whome I make executors to dispose my goodes as they thinke best. Thes bearinge wittnes, sir William Baynes; Roberte Nayler; John Kelsaye; and Thomas Pettinger; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved before L., at Haxaye, 25 January, 1531-2. Administration granted to the relict, power being reserved to grant to the other executor, who is under age.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ALY [OF WEST ALLINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 373.]

6 July, 1531. I John Aly of Alyngton make my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of the Holy Trinite in Alyngton. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the church of Alyngton for my buryall vjs. viij*d*. [*folio 373d*.] To the chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys xij*d*. To Thorne church ijs. To Brodholme abbay xij*d*. To Hougham churche xij*d*. To Newbo abbay iiij*d*. To the conuent ther xij*d*. To the frerys of Grantham xij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln to euery one of them xij*d*. To the frerys of Newarke xij*d*. To the church of Alyngton for forgottyn tithes iijs. iiij*d*. To sir Gabryell ijs. viij*d*. To my fowre daughters to euery one of them vjl. To the high altare of Alyngton iijs. iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes my dettes payd and I brought to the erthe, I bequeth them to sir Robert Ryscall to dispose them for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, whome I make my full executor. I gyff frely to the sayd sir Robert Ryscall my house lying in Foston w<sup>t</sup> my hole tytyll and right theroff. Thes beyng wytnes, Richerd Kellam the elder; Richerde Kellam the yonger; John Parnell; Henry Baysby; William Richeman; w<sup>t</sup> other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 18 July, 1531, by the executor.

## THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KNOWLYS [OF BARTON ON HUMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 368.]

6 July, 1531. I Thomas Knowlys of Barton vpon Humber, marchaunt, makyth my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Mary within the hyle of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas. To the vicare of the sayd churche for my forgottyn tithys vjs. viij*d*. To a honest preste to syng for my soule one hole yere. I will that ther be dealte for me at the day of my buryall money to pore people, my prentys, and every one of my god sonnys iiij*d*. To the roode of Welhome iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Savior of Newborgh iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Anne of Bukstone iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iijs. To George Knowllys sonne of Robert Knowllys xxl. sterlyng money. The resydewe of all my goodes I gyff unto Jane my wyff, and yff it please



god that she be with chylde at the day of my departyng owt of thys transitory lyff, I will that the sayd chylde have halffe off the sayd goodes with my wyff, accordyng to the porcion, and to be executor or executrix with my sayd wyff, when it please god to send it into thys worlde, to dispose for my soule as they thynk best to the pleas' of allmyghty god and the helth of my soule, and I make Robert Knowllys my brother supervisor, and for hys labor and besynes takyng xviiijl. Thes wytnessys, Thomas Smyth of Berton plummer; William Braydlay of the same towne yoman; and other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 October, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN OLLAY [OF BUCKNALL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 246d.]

6 July, 1531. I John Otlay of Buknall makes my last will or testament. My body to be buried within the church of Buknall, with my mortuary as the lawe will. To the high altare viij*d*. To the church warkes too beane landes. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns of Lincoln viij*d*. To every one of the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln iiij*d*. I bequeth fowre trentallys to be done for me and my father and mother. To William my brother chylder and to hym selffe. To Thomas Idyll. To every one of my godchylder. To Agnes Idyll. To Beatrix Woode. To sir Mathew Dawson. To Richerd Wytton viij*d*. To Elizabeth Wytton and her syster iijs. iiij*d*. To mother Idyll viij*d*. To Alice Idyll viij*d*. The resydew of my goodes I bequeth to Sylvester Bonwell, whome I make my executor to dispose for the helthe of my soule, and I make sir Mathew Dawson supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, William Otlay; John Woode; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 September, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. EYRE [OF SALEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 305].

11 July, 1531. I William Eyre makes here my last will. My body to be buried within the church of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Saleby. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iijs. To our Lady high altare of Lincoln xij*d*. To iiij orders of frerys wych visyttes the towne of Saleby for ther lyffing, to eche order singler be it selffe xij*d*. for to have at every house sayd or song messe and dirige for helthe of my soule. I will and strately do charge that my mother shall have her lyffing with my wyff as long as her lyff shall contynew, so she beyng contente therwyth, yff not then she to have money and stuff in penyworthys to the valewe of xls. and one cowe, wich she will choys, to fynde her with. To the high altare of Saleby for tithys forgottyn xxd. To William Metforthe my godsun a plugh, a wayn, with the anormentes therto pertenyng, [etc.]. To Thomas Cowper one pece of clothe and xxvjs. viij*d*. for stuff wich was hys fathers. To Gilbert Colton my servant. To Helene my mayd. To echon of my servantes not namyd before beyng within my gathe. To William Ewan my godsun one portas wich was my uncles. To Alan Ewan xls. or ellys my blak furred gowne as my wyff and he can agre, and for this money he for to be supervisor. [*folio* 305d.]. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix, for to dispose parte therof for helthe

of my soule, [etc.]. Thes beyng wytnes, m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kyrkman parson of Mabilthorpe northe parysh; John Lee preste; Mathew Richardson; with diverse other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 September, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SYMSON [OF BURGH LE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 380.]

13 July, 1531. I John Symson the elder of Burgh dothe make my will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Burgh. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iij*d*. To the fatherles chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iij*d*. To the church warke of Burgh iij*s*. To the nonnys of Bullyngton iij*d*. To Elizabeth my cosyn a cowe, [etc.], to be delyveryd at Candylmes next commyng, and sche and her wytwoorde to be at the gydyng or puttyng forthe of them whome I make my executors, and they to delyver her wytwoorde to her agane at the tyme of mariage as good as they had it. To Elizabeth Thomson my goddoughter. To Mawd Russyll. Also at my buryall to have an honest dirige, and to be brought honestly to the ground. The resydew of my goodes I wyll that it be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys by the handes of John Thomson and Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executors. Thes men to wytnes, sir John Peychyll parysh prest; William Rysyll; and Robert; Mathew Smyth; John Thomson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 21 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON SOUTH [OF NUN ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 297.]

20 July, 1531. I Simonde Sowthe of Nunormesby make thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the chauncell of the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Nunormesby. I bequethe for brekyng of the grounde within the sayd chauncell vs. To the high altare of the sayd churche viij*d*. To the reparacions of the cathedrall churche of our blessyd Lady of Lincoln iij*s*. iij*d*. To the hed of s<sup>t</sup> Hugh of Lincoln iij*s*. To the parysh church of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Ormesby vj*s*. viij*d*. To Clement Slak my godsun. To the chanons and nunnes of Ormesby vj*s*. viij*d*. To Thomas my sonne xls. at the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres. To Elizabeth my daughter xls. at the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres. I will that my executor shall receyve at the handes of m<sup>r</sup> prior of Catley xxxij schepe, one ox, and a cowe, to the vse of Jenet my daughter yf the sayd Jenet be myndyd to be a religiouse woman, then I will that my sayd executor shall pay and delyver to suche a house as she shall be professyd the sayd xxxij schepe, the ox, and the cowe, togeder with xls. And yff it happen the sayd Jenet my daughter to decease before the day off her profession then I will the hole legacy remain to my executor. Yff it happen the sayd Thomas my sone to decease before the sayd Elizabeth my daughter or the sayd Elizabeth before the sayd Thomas the sayd legaces then not payd, I will that he or she so over lyffing other to be other heyre and have the hole legacy to eyther of them before bequethyd. To Alane my brother. To Jone daughter of the sayd Alan. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John my sone, whome I orden my executor to dyspose for the helthe of my soule,

[etc.]. I will that William Skypwyth esqwyer be supervisor, besechyng hym to be speciall good master to my pore chyldren, and will to hym for hys payn xxs. Thes wytnesses, John Bynkes; Thomas Humbleton; and William Bratley; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 25 November, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MELNER [OF SOUTH SOMERCOTES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 276.]

21 July, 1531. I John Melner of Southe Somercotes makes thys my present testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Sowthsomercotes. I bequeth for my mortuary xs. To the churche to a pare of organs xxijs. *vjd.* To our Lady altare xij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Thomas altare *vjd.* To our Lady of Lincoln *vjd.* To Marget my wyff xx marke. To Henry my sone *vl.* To Margaret my doughter *vl.* To Margaret my wyff xs. rent be yere duryng her lyff, and aftyr her decease to remayn to Henry my sonne. To Walter and Roger my ij sonnys my landes aftyr the custome of the cuntryth. To Walter and Roger my sonnes, and Allyson my doughter *vl.* apiece. To William Helvys. To sir John xxs. To Allyson Helvys, Helene, and Agnes. To the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Northcotes iijs. iiij*d.* I will that the church masters have one cowe delyveryd to them, and the rent of her to be delte off Goodfryday for the soule of John Berre. I wyll that I be brought to the churche honestly the day of my buryng, with penny dole; my vij<sup>th</sup> day and my thyrty day, I putto to the discrecion of my executors. To Allyson my doughter ij brasse pottes, [etc.], and yff she dye or she cum to mariage it to remayn to Margaret. To Thomas Parnell and Jenkyn Parnell ether of them vjs. viij*d.* To every one of my godchylder. To [folio 276*d.*] s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe churche of Skydbroke iiij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Edithe churche of Grymolby xij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Clement churche of Garnthorpe *vjd.* To our Lady churche of Northsomercotes *vjd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Clement church of Saltfletby iiij*d.* To the crosse of the sandes iiij*d.* To Alyson Garbray, John Melner. To Robert Mylner, to William his sone, to George, to ether of hys chylder, to Jenet Mylner, to Isabell Mylner. To the wyff of William Wylkynson. To John Way wyff. To Robert Helvys. To Margaret my wyff my cowcroft and vij acre myddoy so long as sche bydes within the towne. All my porchyst lande in defawt of heyres of Walter and Roger laufully begottyn to remayn to Henry, and in defawt of hys heyres to Margaret. To Margaret my wyff all the housholde that she brought with her Garnthorp. The resydue of all my goodes I will that all my chyldren from have it emonges them by the oversyght of my executors, excepte my hayrlomys. To Walter my sonne my contre and pare of malte quernys, [etc.]. To Roger my sone a payr of new wayn shethes, [etc.]. To Margaret my wyff the gylde house of Garnthorp with the appurtenances. To Walter and Roger my sonnys my house in the northe rawe in Sowthesomercotes, that I have in take of our Lady gylde of Northe Somercotes, with the appurtenances. To Walter my sonne Wolner crofte and iiij acre and di. land in Sonderholm. To Roger my sonne Pane crofte. To Henry my sone. I will that John Haven of Saltfletthavyn and Walter Melner my sone be my executors, and John Haven to have for hys labor xs. I will that Robert Brasbryg of Marchchapell and John Snary of Sowthe Somercotes be the oversear of my will, and to have for ther labor



vjs. viiij*d*. Thes wytnes, William Godryk of Skydbrok ; Walter Graunt of Sowthsomercotes ; Robert Thomson of the same ; Thomas Parnell of Salflethaven ; Robert Melner of Southsomercotes ; and Robert Watson of the same.

Proved before P., at Louth, 17 April, 1532.

THOMAS RIDER [OF EPWORTH].

[STOW, 1531-56, *p*. 351.]

21 July, 1531. Ego Thomas Rider de Epworthe compos mentis sane et memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum : Inprimis do et lego animam meam Deo Patri omnipotenti beate Marie necnon omnibus sanctis eius, corpus que meum sepulture ecclesiastice infra cimiterium sancti Andree in Epworthe. Item do et lego beate Marie Lincolnie iiij*d*. Item summo altari de Epworthe prefata pro decimis oblitis vjd. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Johanne vxori mee Thome Rider Johanni Rider Lawrentio Rider Johanni Rider filiis meis et Johanne filie meæ quos facio ordino et constituo meos veros et legitimos executores vt disponant pro salute anime meæ. Hiis testibus domino Thoma Thewe Roberto Theker Johanne Mawe de Epworth prefata cum aliis.

Proved before L., at Belton, 25 January, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM COLLYN [OF LEVERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 333.]

23 July, 1531. I William Collyn of Leuerton makeith my testament concluding therin my last will. My body to be beureid in the churche of saint Helyn in Leuerton. To the sacrament ij*d*. To the honowrmentes of saint Helyn ther iiij*d*. To the honormentes of the highe awter iiij*d*. for tithes and oblacions forgettyn ij*d*. To our Lady Fleur ij*d*. To our Ladie of Pite ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphanes at saint Kateryne in Lincoln ij*d*. To the churche warke of Leuerton viij*d*. To Richard Pykeryng. To Henry Hudson on borlyng. To Isabell Hudson. To Margaret Pykeryng. To William Hudson on colte stagge. The residew of all my gudes I give to Janeitt my wife, whom I make executrix to dispoisse it to the plessour of god and helthe of my saull as sche thynkethe best. Thies beyng witnes, sir John Fendyke the yonger ; Richard Fendyke the yonger ; John Beneitt ; Edmund Trowtyng ; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT FOSTER [OF GOULCEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 359*d*.]

25 July, 1531. I Robert Foster of Golceby make and orden thys my last will and testament. My body to be buried within the church yerde of All Halloys off Golceby. To the church of Golceby to by a cope wyth xxxjs. viij*d*. To the fyndyng of ij lyghttes within the church of Golceby, the one light before the crucifix in the body of the churche, the other light before our Lady situat in the northsyde of the same churche xs. To the church warke of Asterby iij*d*. To the church warke of

Kynnyngton *xxd.* To the church warke off our mother church of Lincoln *ij*d.** To Margaret Marcyall my doughttter *vs.* To Robert Brygge and hys wyff and *ij* chyl dren unmarried *xs.* The resydue of all my goodes I gyff them to Thomas Thomson and Robert Thomson, whome I make my executors. Thes ar the wytnesses, sir Robert Irlande vicar ; Robert Adlard ; Thomas Bray ; John Scutte ; John Goodhale ; John Pratte ; with many moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 September, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES HOWSON [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 248.]

25 July, 1531. I Angnes Hovson wyddowe makes thys my last wyll and testament. My body to be buryed in the Whyte freers. To the hyzhe autler of saynt Botolphe in Boston *iiij*d.** To the gylde of vij marters *iiij*d.** To ower Lady warke of Lincoln *iiij*d.** To the fatherles chyl dren at saynt Katerynes *ij*d.** To the sayd freyrs *xs.*, and the to syng a trentall of massys for hyt. I bequethe more to the sayd freyrs and there [*folio* 248*d.*] to remayn whylys it will indure a mazer of sylver and a brasse pot. To the yong frerys of the sayd house a cowe. To William Howson *ij* sponys of sylver, [etc.]. To Alexander Howson *ij* sylver sponys. To Elizabeth Howson a gyrdyll harnesyde with sylver, a braspot of bullen mettall, a schete of *ij* webbys, [etc.]. To Alice Howson a harnesyde gyrdyll, [etc.]. To our Lady of Pietie of the Whyte frerys an altare clothe. To Alice Rose a table clothe of diaper of the best towell, [etc.]. To Charlys Howson. To Margaret Oueray my servant a coverlyd of blewe with grene flowres, [etc.]. To Agnes Wryght a platter and a paynter dyshe. To sir Otuell Cowper. To Fermarye wyff. The rest of my goodes I will they be in the handes of Charlys Howson and Roger Rose whome I make my executors, and they to dispose them for the helthe of my soule, and they to kepe yerly as long as *xls.* will last one obbyt at the Whyte frerys, and Charlys Howson to have for hys labor a gowne that is in my house redy mayd, and Roger Rose to have for his labor *vjs. viij*d.** Supervisor John Cony of Frampton, and he to have for hys labor *ijs. iiij*d.** Thes to be whytnes, sir Otuel Cowper ; George Roo ; and Robert Stubbys ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYTBRED [OF WRANGLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 401.]

30 July, 1531. I John Wytbrede of Wrangle makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche or churchyerde. I bequethe my mortuary as the lawe requiryth. To the reparation of Wrangle churche *vjs. viij*d.** For tithys forgottyn *vij*d.** To the orna- mentes of the high altare *iiij*d.** To the reparation of our Lady of Lincoln *iiij*d.** To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns of Lincoln *v*d.** To our Lady gylde in Wrangle *xx*d.** To the Holy Rode gylde in Wrangle *xx*d.** I will one preste syng for my soule the soulys of my parentes and other that I am bounde to pray for with all crysten soulys at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne altare in

Wrangle the space of di. one yere. To Agnes my doughter at the day of her mariage xls. To Richerde my sun one corte, one jak, one sallyt, one pare splentes, one gorgyt, one swerde, one bowe, with the reste of halff a scheyff of haroys, also one pare of mustarde quernys, one tub to dyght meale in, one boltyng tubbe, one table standyng at the benke, one lattyn lauer at the day of hys maryage, and iij sylver sponys and a corse harness gyrdell. To Agnes my doughter [*folio 401d.*] iij sylver sponys and one pare of amber beades with sylver gawdys and other jewellys at them aftyr the decesse of Elizabeth my wyff. To John Merylde my godsun. To every one of my godchyl dren iij*d.* To William Stevenson vjs. viij*d.* To my syster Grace hys wyff vjs. viij*d.*, and to every one of ther chyl dren. To John Stevenson ijs. iij*d.* To Stephen Woodhouse, hys wyff, and every one of ther chyl dren. To Richerd Merylde, Thomas Hopster, Walter Gote. To our Lady in Wrangle churche vjs. viij*d.* To the buyldyng of Leeke steple ijs. iij*d.* To the gyldyng of the xij appostellys of the roode lofte in Wrangle churche vjs. viij*d.* To William Pecoke off Borowe my swanne marke and my swannys duryng the tyme of ij yeres, and ij yeres beyng complete I will that Richerde my sun have di. of my swannys and halffe of my swanne marke. To Margaret Maltson. To Athelarde Mawnus. To John Carter ij acre and di. arable lande lying behynde Leke garthe duryng the tyme of my indenturys payng yerely vjs. viij*d.* I will that one pastur callyd Swetemere, and one pasture at the out Fendyke remayn in the handes of my executors the terme of iij yeres aftyr my decesse, and the money that comethe of them yerely be expendyd of one obbyt in Wrangle churche for my soule, the soulys of my parentes, and of them that I am bounde to pray for, with all crysten soulys, and iij yeres beyng complete I will that the ij forsayd pasturys remayn to Richerde my sun in fe symple. To Elizabeth my wyff one pasture callyd Gyldon Grene for the space of ij yeres nexte cumyng aftyr Candylmes accordyng unto the date of thys my wyll, and ij yeres beyng complete I will it remane to Richerde my sun duryng my yeres in it. To Richerde my sonne one pasture callyd Wat Hill unto the tyme that Agnes my doughter be xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres of age, and then I will that Richerde my sun gyff to Agnes my doughter xxvjs. viij*d.*, and so to enioy it in fe symple, and for lak of payment of xxvjs. viij*d.* I will that Agnes my doughter inioy and have it in fe symple. [*folio 402*] To Richerde my sun my ferme that I holde of m<sup>r</sup> Sheffelde duryng my yeres in it as apperyth in indenture. To my wyff iij acre pasture lying nexte Symunde Gote duryng my yeres payng the rent for it. I will that all my goodes and bequestes to Richerde my sun remayn in the governaunce of sir Thomas Paynson duryng the tyme of ij yeres nexte aftyr my decesse, and aftyr to remayn to Richerd my sun. I bequethe the reste of my implemantes pertenyng to the use of my house, [etc.], to Elizabeth my wyff, [etc.]. The reste of my goodes I gyff them to sir Thomas Paynson and sir John Woodhouse, whome I make my executors for to devyde them equally to Elizabeth my wyff, Richerde my sun, and Agnes my doughter. I will that sir Thomas Paynson have for hys labor xxvjs. viij*d.* and sir John Woodhouse for hys labor xiijs. iij*d.* Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Potter; sir John Wayd; William Stevenson; John Mawnus; Walter Gote; and Thomas Hopster; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.



## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BURTON [OF WEST TORRINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 374*d*.]

4 August, 1531. I Richerde Burton of Westeryngton makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Westeryngton besyde my fyrste wyff, with all suche dewtys as the lawe and custome requiryth. To my curat sir John Isoke for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the churche warkes of Westeryngton ijs. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vj*d*. To the high altare of the same churche vj*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Hugh hede iiij*d*. To the churche warke of Esteryngton iiij*d*. To the church warke of Westebarkeworthe iiij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln xvj*d*. I will that my goodes all and singler be indifferently praysyd, and then I will that my dettes with other funerall expenses be payd of the hole, and the resydew then remaynyng to be devydyd in thre partes, that is to say one parte to my wyff, the secunde parte to my chyldren, and the thyrde parte to be dysposyd aftyr the myndes of my brethern, that is to say Thomas Burton off Syxill and Jamys Burton of Horncastre whome I make my executors, and my brother sir John Burton to be supervisor, and I will that they dispose the sayd thyrde parte as they thynke beste for my soule, my father and mother soulys, and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnesses, sir John Isoke vicar of Westeryngton ; John Skelton ; Robert Leyssyng of the same ; sir William Stevenson of Lincoln ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 28 August, 1531, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FROSTE [OF RIPPINGALE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 198*d*.]

8 August, 1531. I William Froste of Repyngall make and orden my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of the churche of Repyngall dedicate in the honor off s<sup>t</sup> Andro the postyll. To the parsons of the sayd churche to pray for my soule at high altare iiij*d*. To the parson of ij partes one stryke corne. To the parson of the thyrde parte one stryke corne. To our Lady warkes off Lincoln xd. To the fatherles chylder at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns [*folio* 199] with owt the citie ij*d*. To my daughter Elizabeth. To the churche of Aslakby ij*d*. To Thomas my servant. To the prior of Sempyngham viij*d*. To the ladys of Sempyngham they to pray for my soule ijs. To Agnes my wyffe halffe of all my goodes. The resydue of my goodes above not bequethyd and my dettes fyrste payd and my funerall expenses deductyd I gyff to Agnes my wyffe and to John my sun, whome I make my executors, and they to dispose it for the helthe of my soule. Wytnesses, sir Walter Mawde my gostly father ; Richerde Sandall ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Bilchefelde, 21 October, 1533.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD COTTES [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 377.]

11 August, 1531. I Richerde Cotes of Conesby makes my testament. To be buryd within the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Michel tharchaungel of Conesby. To m<sup>r</sup> Richerd Sydner parson of the sayd Conesby pro decimis oblitis iiij*d*. To the ornament of the high altare of the same ij*d*, and to the bellys of the same iiij*d*. To the warke of our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To every

one of iij gylde, that is to wyt of the Trinite, of Corpus Christi, and of All Saintes ijd. To dane William Cotes my sonne xs. To Thomas Cotes my sonne xls. To every one of my godchylder ijd. To Agnes Cotes my wyff the house with thappurtenances wich I dwell in duryng the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease to remayn unto Thomas Cotes my sayd sonne and to the heyres of hys body; and yff he fortune to dy without heyres of hys body, then I will it remayn to the fyndyng of Jhesus preste at Conesby, and yff it may be sufferyd by the lawe. And yff the sayd house cannot be sufferyd be the lawe to be occupied unto the proffyt of the sayd Jhesus preste I will that it shall be solde aftyr the mynde of suche feoffys as in tyme herafter the sayd Thomas Cotes my sonne shall make, and the money takyn for it to be disposyd for the helth of my soule and of all my frendes soulys at the discrecion of the sayd feoffes. The resydue of all my goodes I bequeth to the sayd Agnes Cotes my wyff. I make my executors the sayd Thomas Cotes my sonne and Agnes Cotes my wyff. Witnesses, sir Walter Crofte our Lady prest; and sir William Porter Jhesus prest.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 20 November, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LANCE [OF MARKET RASEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 286d.]

11 August, 1531. I John Lance of Estrasyn makyth thys my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas the appostill of Estrasyn. To the high altare of the same for my tithys negligently forgottyn viij*d*. To our Lady chappell of the same iiij*d*., and to the gyldre iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln ij*d*. I will that Jenet my doughter be with my wyff yf that she will; and yff she wynot then my will is that the parson of Lyssyngton have the kepyng of her with my copy holde that lyethe in Lyssyngton and parte of my goodes accordyng to reason. To my wyff my copy in Estrasyn duryng her lyff, and aftyr her decease to Jenet my doughter dewryng my yeres. All my other goodes I will that my wyff have them, whome I make my executrix, she to dispose part therof for the helthe of my soule. Thes wytnes, syr William Langlay prest; Leonerd Holtby; with other.

Proved before P., at Estrasyn, 7 February, 1531-2.

JOHN NORFOKE [OF SANTON].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 359.]

13 August, 1531. I John Norfoke of Santon, hole of mynde, and of good remembraunce, not knowinge the hower of deathe makes my will. My bodye to be buryed in the churche garth of s<sup>t</sup> Bartylmewe of Appulbie. To the hye alter for oblacions and forgotten tythes viij*d*. To our Ladye of Lincoln' iiij*d*. To our Ladye of the holie bread awter iiij*d*. To Roberte Bysshope one amblinge foale. To William Norfoke one foale trottinge. To Margaret Colbye one redye cowe. To Elisabethe Norfoke one cowe and one meare. To Jenett Colbye one quye calfe, also to Roberte Othyll' one colt stagg. The residewe of all my goodes I geue to Margaret my wyfe, whome I make my executrix. Thes men beinge wittnes, sir Roberte Bakster; Aueray Bynlaye; Roberte Bysshope; Roberte Othyll'; John Nelson.

Proved before L., at Appulbie, 1 February, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF BRYAND BEYCH [OF THORGANBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 347*d*.]

18 August, 1531. I Bryan Beche of Thurganby makes thys my last wyll. My body to be buried within the kyrke of All Halloys in Thurganby. To the altare of the same xiijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln *xxd*., and to our Lady warke viij*d*. To the kyrk of Thurganby vjs. viij*d*. To the chappell brygges vjs. viij*d*. To the priorisse of Irforth viij*d*., and to every nonne of the same iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Mary kyrke of Bynbroke ijs. iiij*d*. To the kyrke of s<sup>t</sup> Gabryell in the same *xxd*. To Croxby kyrke xij*d*. To Swynhope kyrke xij*d*. To Hatclyff kyrke xij*d*. To Walde-newton kyrke vj*d*. Also to a preste to syng for me and all my good frendes for halffe a yere xlvjs. viij*d*. I gyff all my lande in Bynbroke to Emot my wyff for terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease to Agnes my doughter and to the heyres of her body, and yff it fortune the sayd Agnes to dye withoute suche issue then I will that William Beche my brother Robert sonne shall have the sayd landes for evermore. To Agnes my doughter *xx<sup>ty</sup>* markes. To Helene Browne v markes. To Robert Browne. To Robert my brother. To William my servant. To Alyson my servant. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Emot my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Jasper Sheffelde of Croxby to be supervisor, and he to have xs. for hys counsell. Thes wytnesses, m<sup>r</sup> John Gylby; syr Robert Gell; and sir William Kay; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 September, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CURTES [OF DEEPING ST JAMES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 283*d*.]

20 August, 1531. I John Curtes of Depyng s<sup>t</sup> Jamys makes my will and last testament, [etc.]. My body to the holy cimitery of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys. And my mortuary aftyr the statute of Yngland. To the high altare ijs. To the Trinite gylde xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys gylde xij*d*. To the bellys xvj*d*. To the plough light vj*d*. To every of the trellys lyghtes iiij*d*. To the churche warke viij*d*. To Jhesus gylde viij*d*. To our Lady of Multon chapell xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns chapell in Whaplode xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the disposicion of my wyff and Robert my sonne, whome I make my executors [*folio* 284]. My nyghbors Richerd Smyth and Richerd Edward to be my oversears, and they to have for ther labors ich of them vjs. viij*d*. To John Thaker and to William Thaker his brother. Wytnes, sir Richard Buk vicar; John Bate; Nicholes Francy; William Bee.

Proved before P., at Stanforde, 6 March, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD JEFFERAY [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 66.]

21 August, 1531. I Richerd Jeffray of Boston makyth thys my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe in Boston, and that the churche requiryth of right to be payd. To the high altare in Boston church xij*d*. To our Lady in Lincoln xij*d*. To the fatherles chyl dren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withoute Lincoln iiij*d*. I will that Agnes my wyff have all my landes and tenementes lying and standyng in Frampton for terme of her lyff. I will that my wyff have all suche my



landes as lyeth in Wyberton duryng her lyff, and also the house that I bought of m<sup>r</sup> Hough duryng her lyff, and aftyr her decesse it to remayn to Richerd Jefferay my sonne. I will that Richerd Tonnerde surrendre the landes aforesayd beyng in copy holde in Frampton and Wyberton to the use of [folio 66d.] my wyffe duryng her lyff accordyng to thys my will. I will that Richerd Jefferay my sonne have the house that William Beel of Frampton dwellyth in with the appurtenances. Also I will yff it shall please allmyghtty God to send my wyff yssue, and good delyveraunce of that chylde that she is with, to the plesure of allmyghtty God, and yff it be a man chylde that then I will it have the house that one Walker of Frampton dwellyth in with all the grounde therto belongyng, and also a nother house that I bought of John Richerdson my brother in lawe with viij acres of pasture therto belongyng callyd Torman and Leke grenys, and also I will that it have a nother halff acre lying betwene m<sup>r</sup> Arleker. I will that Richerd my sone have the house that I bought off m<sup>r</sup> Hough aftyr the decesse of my wyff yff he come to lafull age, to have it in fee symple, and yff it fortune hym to dye afore he cum to lafull age, then I will that it remayn accordyng as all other thynges do before wrytyn. Also I will that the sayd Richerd have xl. I will that yff it please God that the other that my wyff is withall yff it be a man chylde that it have other xl. I will that yff the one of them dye afore that he comme to lafull age that then the other to be hys heyr, and yff fortune them bothe to dye then I will that the on halff of ther bequest remayn to my wyff and the other halff to remayn to my other chylde. To Agnes my eldest doughter vj*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* I will that Jenet my doughter have so myche money in lyke maner. To Alson my yongest doughter as moche money in lyke maner. And yff it fortune yt please God that it be a woman chylde that my wyff is withall, then I will that she have as moche money to her parte as my other thre doughters have. I will that every of them be other heyre of the doughters, and if it be a woman chylde that my wyff is with, I will that the mother have fyve markes of the chyldes parte to bryng it up with all. To Richerd my sone a cople of kye and every one of my chylder a cople of kye. And yff it happen other of thes ij chylder to dy, that is to say Richerd my sonne and that at she is withall, that then I will that the one halff of the proffyt of the kye remayn unto my wyff. [folio 67] To William Richerdson my brother in lawe a yong qweye and ij schepe. I will that Agnes my wyff do cause to be song for me and my father and mother and all my good frendes with all the soulys that I am bounde to pray for every Fryday duryng the space of a yere aftyr foloyng by a frere a messe of *Scala celi*. I will the day of my buryall that my wyff do cause to be sung for me xiiij messys of *Scala celi* by xiiij frerys. I will that they have to Frampton church and to that thyng that moste nede requiryth xxs. I wyll yff it be a woman chylde that my wyff is withall I will that the lande afore rehersyd remayne to Richerde my sone, and yff he dye I will that it remayn to my other chylde, and yff it fortune all my chylder to dye then I will that the house that was John Richerdsons remayn to William Richerdson with the appurtenances, and the house that Walker of Frampton dwellyth in remane to John Jeffray sone of Roger Jeffray of Frampton, and the house that I bought of m<sup>r</sup> Hough be at my wyff disposicion to sell and to dispose it for the helthe of my soule and hers and all crysten soulys as she thynkes moste necessary.

Also I will that the money that I have bequethyd unto my daughters afore rehersyd that it remane in the handes of Thomas Wormeslay within the space of iij yeres aftyr my decesse, and yff fortune them all to departe thys worlde wythin age that then I will that it be disposyd be my wyff and Thomas Wormesley as they thynke moste necessary for the helthe of my soule and thers and all xp'en soules. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff them unto Agnes my wyff, whome I do make my executrix. I make my cosyn Thomas Wormeslay of Frampton to be supervisor, and he to have for hys pane takyng xs. Beryng wytnes, Richerd Tonerd ; Thomas Walthew ; John Stevenson ; and other mo.

Proved at Boston, 9 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF HUGH GULL [OF BURTON PEDWARDINE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 406.]

24 August, 1531. I Hugh Gull of Burton orden and make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of the holy apostell s<sup>t</sup> Andro of Burton. To the sacrament for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the chapell of our Lady xij*d*. To the reparacion of our mother churche of Lincoln xv*d*. To the reparacion of the churche of Scredyngton iiij*d*. To the reparacion of the sayd churche of Burton vjs. viij*d*. To every one of my chyldren, and to ichon of my daughters. To Alice my wyff my house and lande and medo set or lying in the towne felde and medoys of Burton, Scredyngton, and Hale the space of xxx yeres next aftyr my decesse. The reste of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Alice my wyff and Robert Buller of Sleforde, whome I make my executors to bryng me honestly furth and bryng up my chyldren, [etc.]. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Peycok ; sir Robert Jenkynson vicare of Burton ; Simond Robertson ; Richerde Hochenson ; John Ledezerde ; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 11 November, 1531. Administration granted to Alice the relict, reserving power to grant to Robert Buller the co-executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD SMYTH [OF CLAYTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 379.]

25 August, 1531. I Edward Smyth of Clathorpe in the parysh of Helloy makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the kyrkyerde of Helloy. To the high altare of Helloy for tithys forgottyn iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the kyrke of Helloy xs. To the kyrke of Aby xij*d*. To the kyrke of Awthorp xij*d*. To Edwarde Richerdson. To John Smyth my servant xiijs. iiij*d*. To Agnes Est one calffe of thys yere wich is on shedder calffe. To Thomas Garner my syster sonne xxvjs. viij*d*. To John Howde my godsone iiij*d*. To Jenet Yong iiij*d*. To Edward Skrelby iiij*d*. To William Kerhus iiij*d*. To Jenet Hill iiij*d*. To Peter Pykryng iiij*d*. To William Tode iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Alysyan my wyff and Mathu Richerdson, whome I make my executors that they may dispose them for the helthe of my soule. I will that Mathew Richerdson have for hys labor the value of xls. Thes wytnes, Walter Browne ; Thomas Kyrhouse ; William Jakson ; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 21 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES CAKSON [OF ADDLETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 378d.]

26 August, 1531. I Agnes Cakson of Ardythorp, videw, makes thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of Ardythorp. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the [*folio* 379] high altare of Ardythorp for forgottyn tithys iiij*d*. To our Lady altare in the same church iiij*d*. To the Trinite altare iiij*d*. To the bellys in the same churche viij*d*. To the same for the fonte a basyn a laver and a towell to weshe folkes handes with when they crysten chylder. To the rode in the same church iiij*d*. To the church of Orby for reparacion xiijs. iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Peter church of Ingolmelles a altare clothe. To Alice Goshawke the doughter of John Goshawk a red arke. To Jenet Kygges. The resydue of my goodes I will that my executors dispose them for the helthe of my soule and for all my good frendes soullys as they shall answer at the day of dome. I make Robert Walker and John Kygges my executors, they for to have for ther labors a pece vjs. viij*d*. Thes wytnes, sir William Williamson my gostly father; John Skalflyd; Thomas More; William Pynder; with other moy.

Proved at Parteney, 21 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF T. WRYGHT [OF HUNDLEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 372.]

26 August, 1531. I Thomas Wryght of Hundylby, yoman, makyth thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Hundylby, with that that the lawe dothe assygne to be my mortuary. To our Lady worke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the ryngers xij*d*. To the fyve lighttes in the church of Hundylby xx*d*. To Alice my wyff in peny worthe vi*l*. To Thomas my sonne. To Alice and Elizabeth my doughters iij*l*. apiece, and yff it fortune other of my doughters to dy before they be xviiij yeres of age I will that the parte of her that be ded do remayne to her that be a lyve; yff bothe dy before they be xviiij yere I will that one of ther partes be disposyd be Alice my wyff for ther soullys and ther frendes soullys, and the other parte to remayne holy to Thomas my sonne. To everyone of my godchyldren iiij*d*. To Agnes Benne. To John my brother. To Thomas my sonne. To Libeus Smyth for wrytyng xij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executor.

Thys is the last will of me Thomas Wryght mayd the day and yere abovesayd. To Thomas my sone all my landes, [etc.], to hym hys heyres and assyngnes forever excepte suche landes, [etc.], as Alice my wyff hathe for the terme of her lyff as more playnly dothe appere in a dede feoffement. And aftyr her decease I will that all my landes remayn to the ryght heyres of me the sayd Thomas Wryght for ever. I will that Xp<sup>o</sup>for Benne be supervisor. Whytnesses, sir Robert Dawson vicar off Hundylby; Xp<sup>o</sup>for Benne; John Sadler; Richerd Laueroke; Thomas Doukes of Hundylby; wyth many other.

Proved before P., at Bollyngbroke, 14 May, 1532.



## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT NORTHE [PARSON OF BRINKHILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 377d.]

29 August, 1531. I sir Robert North, parson of Brynkyll, orders and makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried within the chauncell off Brynkyll, and that thyng that right is to be my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* and to our Lady warke viij*d.* To the adornamentes of the high altare of Brynkyll vjs. viij*d.* I will that xxs. and xx*d.* be put to the sepulcre light for my mother Jenet Northe. To Northreston church wher my father dothe ly iijs. iiij*d.*, and vjs. viij*d.* to be disposyd there, and the vicare to say messe and dirige for my father sole and for all the soulys that he dyd fare better for. To Castell Carlton iijs. iiij*d.* wherof I will the parson to have iiij*d.* for sayng placebo and dirige, and the resydew to be disposyd in bred and ayll. I will that the priorisse of Legburne have viij*d.*, and every none in the abbey iiij*d.* for sayng placebo and dirige for my soule and all crysten soulys. To Haryngton church xij*d.* To Ormesby church xij*d.* To Bagenderby church v*d.* To Soteby church v*d.* To every one of my godchylder iiij*d.* I will that ther be iij trentalles done for my soule, the soulys of my father and my mother, and for all crysten soulys, within one yere aftyr my departyng, and at my buryall day v messys of the v woundes of our Lorde God to be done, or within viij days aftyr. And at my vij<sup>th</sup> day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day in lyke maner done as at my buryall, or within viij days aftyr. To Robert Madder a basyn with a weshyng laver, my best thrawn chare, my bygest cownter, my hutche, a spruce cofer, [etc.]. To Jenet Elwolde my servant my worst syde gowne, vj dooblers, a brandyth, my gret red arke, [etc.]. To John Redenes [*folio* 378] the long arke that standyth in my chamber, [etc.]. To Helene Cokeryll. I will that the sayd Robert Madder, Jenet Elwolde, and John Redenes eqwally devyde among them all my candylstykes. I will that all my smale tubbys be devyded among them the sayd persons. To William Tewyll beyng blynde. To Jenet Madder. To Randall Madder. I will that John Grene of Brynkyll, John Crane, Thomas Grene, and Robert Grene of the same be my executors, and sir Thomas Carden parson of Soterby to be full executor wyth them and supervisor, and the sayd parson to have for hys labor and payn takyng my too best gownys, my best dooblet, my hoode, and my tpypt of taffaytay. The resydue of my goodes I will that they be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes. Wytnes, sir Alan the curet of the sayd towne; Robert Gybson; Robert Madder; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastre, 20 November, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM [*sic*] PYKKERYNG [OF WYBERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 336.]

31 August, 1531. I John Pykkeryng of Wyberton make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Leogerd in Wyberton. To our mother church of Lincoln ij*d.* To the orphans at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without Lincoln ij*d.* To the high altare in Wyberton church viij*d.* To our lady altare in the same church iiij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne altare in the same church iiij*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Anne altare in the same church ij*d.* To Saundres my wyff one house lying in Halton the

terme of her lyff naturall, and aftyr her decease to remayn to John Pykeryng my sonne. I will that ther be disposyd for me at my buryall day, my vij<sup>th</sup> day, and my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day xxxs. To John Pykeryng my sonne xxxs. to be delyveryd at xxij yeres of age. To Robert, Simond, and Richerd Pykryng my sonnes xxxs. apiece at the same age. And yff any of them dye before that age I will [*folio 336d.*] the part be equally devydyd emong them which shall fortune to lyve. And yff they all dye before that age then I will the money be disposyd for my soule and all crysten soulys within Wyberton church by the supervisor of thys my last will. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Saunders my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I will that Richerd Jetor of Wyberton and John Clymson of the same be supervisors, and ether of them to have iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. Whytnes, sir Richerd Stevynson pryst; Richerd Dykynson; and Roger Langrake; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. MARCHAND [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 296.]

1 September, 1531. I Thomas Marchand of Kyrton Holm ordyns and makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the parysh church of s<sup>t</sup> Peter and Paule of Kyrton. To the high altare for tithes forgottyn vjd. To our Lady altare there iiijd. To the Trinite altare ijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne altare ijd. To the church warke of Kyrton vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady warke of Lincoln ijd. To the pore chyldren at saynt Catheryns without Lincoln jd. To a honest prest to syng for my soule and all my benefactors soulys in the church of Kyrton one quarter of a yere xxvjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To Phylip my sonne my messe with the appurtenances wich I dwell in and one acre of arable lande lying at Simond Were betwene the gret gate and the lyttyll gate, to hym hys heyres and assignes. To Margaret my wyff fowre acres pasture lying in Kyrton Meres with thappurtenances to helpe to the bryngyng up and fyndyng of my chylder unto the tyme that Phylip my sonne cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres; and then I will that the sayd Phylip have it to hym hys heyres and assygnes. To my wyff one acre and di. lande lying nere Simonde Were accordyng to her dede of feoffement, and iiijl., [etc.]. To Phylip my sone xl., [etc.]. To Agnes my daughter xl. I will they have ther sayd legaces when they cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres or ellys at the day of ther mariage. Yff other of them dye or they cum to that age or mariage, I will the survivor of them have bothe ther hole legaces. Yff they bothe departe before the sayd yere I will bothe legaces be evnly devydyd emonges my other chylder then lyffyng. And yff there be none then lyvyng I will it be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. To William my sonne vl. [*folio 296d.*] To Androwe my sonne vl. To Alice my daughter vl. To the chylde in my wyffes bely vl. I will the sayd chyldren have the sayd legaces when they cum to the age of xxj yeres or at the day of ther mariage. Yff any of them dye or they cum to the sayd age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres or att the day of mariage I will there parte or partes remayn to Margaret my wyff yff she be on lyve, or ellys to my other chylder then lyvyng. Yff all my sayd chylder dye without issue of ther bodyes, Richerd sone of John Marchand my brother shall have one acre lande

lying at Simond Were betwene the gret gate and the lyttyll gate, to hym hys heyres and assignes. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff. I orden my wyff and Phylip my sone executors. I orden John Marchand my brother and John Bennet of Swyneshed supervisors, and I will they have for ther labors vjs. viiij*d*. Thes beyng wytnes, William Tonnerde; Xp'ofor Bennet; Richerd Tonnerde the elder; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 November, 1531. Administration granted to Margaret the relict, reserving power to grant to Philip the son when he shall come to lawfull age.

THE TESTAMENT OF OLIVER TOYNTON [OF LISSINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 305*d*.]

2 September, 1531. I Oliver Toynton of Lyssyngton, seke in body, make my testament. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> John Baptist of Lissyngton. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vj*d*. To the high altare of the same vj*d*. To the high altare of Lissyngton for my tithys and oblacions forgottyn vj*d*. To the church warke of the same a quarter of wheate. To my brother John. To my syster Cecill. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln. To Jenet Toynton my wyff halffe of my goodes, and the other halff to Henry Toynton my newew the wiche I make executor, and he to have for hys labor ijs. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Stotte vicar; William Goderson; Robert Robenson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 September, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BENNET [OF KIRKBY BY KINGERBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 291*d*.]

4 September, 1531. I John Bennet of Kyrkby next Kynyerby makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the quere of s<sup>t</sup> Androy off Kyrkby. To the high altare in the same quere for forgottyn tithis or oblacions yff ther be any xij*d*. To the upholdyng of the churche body xij*d*. I bequeth vjs. for fyndyng of a lampe to burne before the sacrament in the same quere for evermore from the begynyng of all divine servys to the endyng therof. To the upholdyng of our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Kynyerby churche xij*d*. To Owersby churche xij*d*. To Ussylby churche xij*d*. To Westrasyn churche xij*d*. To bothe the churchys of Myddyl Rasyn, to other of them iiij*d*. To one preste for sayng one trentall of messys for my soule and all crysten soulys xs. To every one of the canons off Ellesham abbay iiij*d*. To our Lady gylde of Boston iiij*d*. To my sonne Thomas my house in Kyrkby with all the appurtenances. And yff he dye within age off discrecion then I will it be solde and devydyd emong my daughters. To my wyff the thyrd of all my moveable goodes. To my brother Anthony Bennet preste and to John Robynson other of them for ther labor vjs. viiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth it to my brother Anthony Bennet prest, to John Robynson, and to my wyff, whome I make my executors partely to dispose for my soule. Thes beyng wytnesses, Anthony Bennet prest; John Robynson; John Howdon; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 4 May, 1532. Administration granted to the executrix, reserving power to grant to the other executors.



## THE TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN WOODHOUSE [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 400.]

9 September, 1531. I Stephane Woodhouse of Boston make thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the ally before the sowthe churchre dore of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe. I bequeth my mortuary as the lawe will require. I will that my funery be brought furthe with the iiij orders of frerys, and every one of them to have for ther labor and payn iij*s*. iiij*d*. I bequeth too trentallys of s<sup>t</sup> Gregory to be sayd at the iiij orders off Frerys for my soule, my parentes, consanguinite and affinite, and all crysten soulys by equall devision, and they to have every one of them vs. To our Ladys warke at Lincoln xij*d*. In oblacion to the sacrament for tithys forgottyn in the churchre of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe xij*d*. To the orphans at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns at Lincoln vj*d*. I bequeth one house in one strete callyd Bargat at Boston of the est syde of the water and in the Horssse market, towarde the est off s<sup>t</sup> Peter gylde, towards the weste off John Roode, and towarde the sowthe of Lady gylde, and towarde the northe of the comun way, to Beatrix my wyff duryng her lyff, and after her decesse I will that it remayn to William Woodhouse my sonne and to hys heyres and assygnés. And yff William before namyd dy or he cum to lafull age I will it remayn to Catheryne and Alice my doughtters and to ther heyres and assygnés. And yff other Catheryne or Alice my doughters dy I will it remayn to John my sonne preste and to the doughter that lyvyth after the forme before. And yff bothe my doughtters before-namyd decesse I will it remayn to my sonne [*folio 400d.*] John preste and hys assygnés. I bequeth xxx*l*. of currant money or money worthe to be devydyd to my thre chyl dren before namyd equally. I will that William beforenamyd have hys parte at the age off xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and my ij doughtters to have ther parte at the tyme of ther maryage or at the age off xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres. Yff all my iij chyl dren decesse or that they cum to lafull age the expensys of ther funerys dischargeyd I will that the reste of ther partes and bequestes do remayn to my sone John preste and to Beatrix my wyff, they to fynde one preste as long as the money will indure to pray for my soule, the soulys of my parentes, of my consanguinite and affinite, and for all crysten soulys. To Beatrix my wyff ij pasturys that I holde by indenture of Corpus Xp'i gylde duryng my yeres in them. To John my sonne preste one of my best furred gownys, [etc.]. To William my sonne my powderer mowldes with all the pertinentes. To Richerd Whytebred and Agnes hys syster. The reste of all my goodes I bequeth to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and John my sonne prest whome I make my executor, and he to have for hys labor x*s*. Thes beyng wytnes, William Garryt ; Richerd Smyth ; William Stubbys ; and Thomas Cersy prest.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531. Administration granted to the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER SCHARPNEYFF, PERSON OF FARFORTH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 382.]

10 September, 1531. I sir Roger Scharpneyff, parson of Farforthe, makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the parysh churchre of Farforthe. To the high altare ther xij*d*., and to the sayd churchre of Farforthe one acre barlie one acre peays, my portes and

manuel and a processioner. To the fyndyng of a light be fore our Lady at the southsyde of the sayd church vs. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warke xij*d*. To Ruclande church xij*d*. To Oxcome church xij*d*. To Scamelesby church xij*d*. and to Gretham church xij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> sir Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Willughby, knyght, ij schepe to hys kytchyn, and to my lady Elizabeth hys wyffe ij hyves of beys, [etc.]. To m<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth her doughter a hyve of beys, [etc.]. To Thomas Kytchyn a hyve of beys. To Elizabeth Jakson, my servant, a flecte cowe, a westernne chyst, [etc.]. To every one of my godchylder iiij*d*. To every one of my servantes then beyng iiij*d*. To Henry Blakwyne, Helene Wyngod, Alice Wynter, Roger Temple, Jenet late my servant. To Cursun wyff of Louthe. To Henry Deyne, yong John Red, Richerd Tayllor of Manby, John Pynson of Fulletby and hys wyff, Isabell Bawdre, Thomas Woodthorpe of Oxon otherwyse callyd Tayllor and Jenet hys wyff, Roger Woodthorpe sone of the sayd Thomas and my godsun, John Woodthorpe sone of the sayd Thomas, Margaret Woodthorpe hys syster. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Thomas Woodthorpe, whome I make my executor. [folio 382*d*.] I will that Richerd Tayllor off Manby be jonyd executor, and he to have for hys labor iiij*s*. I will that my lady Willughby be supervisor, and to have for her payns vs. Thes men beyng wytnes, sir William Wade of Rucland, prest; John Lyll of Farfurth; and Henry Blackwen of the same; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Thuresby, 22 November, 1531. Administration granted to Thomas Woodthorpe, Richard Tayllor, the co-executor, having renounced.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SHALLOK [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 389*d*.]

11 September, 1531. I Richerd Shallok of Boston, husbandman. To be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe in Boston, and the church to have the righte accordyng to the custome. To the highe altare in Boston xij*d*. To our mother church of Lincoln xij*d*. To the fatherles and moderles chyl dren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withoutw Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady of Walsyngham xij*d*. To John Shallok my sun a standyng laver, a basyn, ij cartes, all my croppe, catall, horssys, [etc.], excepte those catell herafter gyffyn to hys syster Rose, and they to kepe and luff togyder lyke naturall broder and syster. To John my sun my copy of my ferme duryng the terme of my yeres therin expressyd. To Rose Shallok my doughter iiij kyen, ij burlynges, [etc.]. Yff it fortune the foresayd John my sun to decesse afore he cum to the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres and the foresayd Rose my doughter overlyff him, then I will that Rose have all the foresayd goodes at age or mariage; and yff it fortune the foresayd John to overlyff Rose [folio 390] or she cum to age or mariage, then I will that John have her parte. Yff bothe decesse or they cum to age or mariage, then I will the goodes be disposyd be my executors in dedes of almys and charite for the welthe of my soule, my fader moder my chyl dren soules, my frendes soules, and all crysten soules. I will have iiij trentallys of messys songe for me and my wyff, our faders and moders, in thys maner of forme: I will that the preste shall syng Wednesday, Fryday, and Satterday in our Lady chapell at the altare of *Scala celi*, and of the Sunday in the quere of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys. To Thomas Shallok my broder. To Robert

Sylam. To Richerde Leeke a gowne of sangwyn color, and to hys wyff. To Thomas Martyn wyff. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Shallok my sun and Thomas Shallok my brother, whome I make my executors, and the foresayd Thomas to have for hys labor xxs., and Andro Shallok my cosyn to be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor xs. Thes beyng wytnes, Richerde Kychen; John Thorpe; John Percy; with other mo.

Proved before P., 10 November, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WILLIAMSON [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 369.]

12 September, 1531. I John Williamson of the parysh of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak of Tofte makes my testament. My body to be buryed within the parysh church of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak of Tofte, and for my mortuary that the kynges lawes will require. To the ornamentes of the blessyd sacrament ther iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns to the fatherles chyldren iiij*d*. To the rode lofte in Tofte churche xij*d*. To the Trinite altare xx*d*. To our Lady altare xx*d*. To our Lady chappell standyng in the church yerde ther xx*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Boston every on house xx*d*. I will that a trentall be song immediatly for my soule and all crysten soulys within the parysh church of Tofte. The resydue of my goodes I put them to the discrestion of my executor sir John Tattersall, and he for to dispose them for my soule aftyr hys discrestion. In wytnes heroff, sir John Facet; William Dawson; and Robert Dauson.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT FOX [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 402.]

18 September, 1531. I Robert Foxe of the paryshe of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlake of Tofte make thys my testament concluding in it my last will. My body to be buryed within the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlak, and for my mortuary as the kynges lawes shall requyre. To the anornament of the blessyd sacrament ther xij*d*. To the churche warkes ther xx*d*. To the roode lofte ther viij*d*. To our Lady warkes in the chapell standyng in the churche yerde ther vj*d*. To the goode and profytable warkes of our Lady of Lincoln vj*d*. [*folio* 402*d*.] To the fatherles chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne withoutw Lincoln ij*d*. To Robert my sonne a greyd harche to remayn in my house for ever yff he lyff unto he cum or be at the age of xviiij yeres. To Richerd my sun my best cote, [etc.], yff he lyff to he cum or be at the age of xviiij yeres. To John my sun my best jakyt, [etc.], yff he lyff to he cum or be at the age of xviiij yeres. To the chylde the whiche my chylde [*sic*] is with, yff it be a sun ij yong kye, [etc.], yff it lyff to he cum or be at the age of xviiij yeres. And yff it fortune that any of my forsayd sonnys Robert, Richerde, and John to decesse or the cum at the age of xviiij yeres, then hys parte decessyd to be equally devydyd emong them that overlyff. To Grace my daughter halff my housholde stuff with my wyff yff she lyff to she cum at the age of xviiij yeres. And yff it be a daughter that my wyff is with, then I gyff it a yong cowe, [etc.], and halff the housholde with her syster yff it lyff to it cum at the



age of xvij yerer. To Robert Theker. To Jenet my wyff my best carte, my ploughe, a new corte, with all the harnys belongyng to the same as long as she kepys her sole ; and she fortune to mary, then the carte with the harnys to remayn to Robert my sonne, and the plough with the harnes to remayn to Richerde my sun, and the corte to John my sonne. I will that a trentall be sung in Tofte churche for my soule and all my good frendys soulys immediatly aftyr my decesse. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Robert Theker to be supervisor, and to have for hys labor iij*s*. iiij*d*. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Tatersall ; Laurence Bustarde, Thomas Snell, and John Carre of Tofte ; with other mo as nede shall requyre.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.

AGNES REMINGTON [OF TORKSEY].

[Stow, 1531-56, *p*. 357.]

18 September, 1531. I Agnes Remington, wydowe woman, of Harwicke w<sup>th</sup> in the parishe of s<sup>t</sup> Marye of Torkseye, hole of mynde and of good memorye, makes my testament. My bodye to be buried w<sup>th</sup> in the churche yearde of s<sup>t</sup> Mary of Torksaye w<sup>th</sup> my mortuarye as the custome requiers. To our Ladye of Lincoln' ijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Hewgh head of Lincoln' ijd. To the monasterye of s<sup>t</sup> Leonerdes iiij*d*. To Thomas Remington my sonne and to John Remington otherwayes called Jenken each v markes of lawfull monye of England or in money worthe, and a quy of ij yeares of age for ther childs partes. Residewe of all my goodes not bequeathed my will fulfilled and deducted for to dispose for the healthe of my sowle I geue vnto John Remington my eldest sonne, whome I ordeyne my executour, and sir John Cowell' the prior of Torksaye to be the superuisor. Thes wittnes, sir Richard Robinson vicar of Torksaye ; Thomas Thorpe ; sir Roger Grander ; John Hatterton ; and other moore.

Proved before L., 16 October, 1531. Administration granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES ROWE [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 335.]

22 September, 1531. I Jamys Rowe make thys my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde in Boston in the hally be my brother. To the high altare in Boston vjd. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the fatherles chyl dren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Margaret my wyff the house that Jenet Wetton wonys in with the mylne with all as it standes, terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease I will that George Rowye my sonne have the sayd house with the mylne as it standes. I will my wyff have the mylne that standes in Sutton howys the terme of her lyff, payng yerely to Sutton harys for the house that the mylne standes in iiij*s*. I will that the sayd mylne remayne aftyr her decease to George Rowe my sonne. To iiij of my sonnys chyl der iiij calvys, iche of them to be other heyr. I make my wyff and my sone George Rowe my executours. I make William Pynchbek my supervisor, and he to have for hys labor v*s*. viij*d*. Whytnes, John Barnoby ; John Barker ; and Charlys Howson.

Proved at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

## JOHN WELLES [OF FILLINGHAM].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 358.]

22 September, 1531. I John Welles, husbandman, of the towne of Fillingham, of hole mynde and memorye make my testament. My bodye to be buryed in the churche yearde next vnto my wyfe. Vnto the hye alter for forgotten tythes or any other duties to the churche ijs. To the churche of Fillingham iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>., and to the worke of our mother church of Lincoln' xxd. To William my sonne two stottes, and Alexander my wyfes sonne two calues. To John my sonne one calfe. To Richard my sonne one calfe. To Agnes my daughter one hayforthe. To euery one of my godchilder iiij<sup>d</sup>. To my father in lawe Walter Warde, John Warde my brother in lawe, Thomas Wyndall' and William Welles my brother halfe a quarter of wheate apiece. To Agnes Barrowe my seruante halfe a quarter of barlye. To John Gibbons my seruante halfe a quarte of barlye. To Isabell Wilforde a strike of barlye. I will that my wyfe haue my take of the prior of Gokwyll' as long as she is wydowe, and yf she marrye then to remayne to my sonne William Welles, and yf he do not occupye yt him selfe I will that my wyfe shall occupye yt. I wyll that my wyfe shall occupye my howse that I dwell in w<sup>th</sup> all the appurtenaunce for my terme. The residewe of all my goodes I geue to Margarette my wyfe and William Welles my brother, whome I make executors to dispose for the healthe of my sowle as they shalbe expedient. I make Walter Warde my ouer seer. Wittnes, mayster Thomas Cyssun parson of the aboue rehersed Fillingham; sir Rob'te Tofte parishe prest; Thomas Westfeild; Thomas Wyndyll'; William Westfeild; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

[No probate act.]

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT JOHN' [OF HOLE IN THE PARISH OF CLEE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 281d.]

26 September, 1531. I Robert John' of Hoyll in the paryche of Clee maykes my testymnt. My body to be buryyd in the chyrche yerd of the Holy Trynyte of Clee. To ower Lady of Lyncone viij<sup>d</sup>. I wytt to sanct Hew Heyd iiij<sup>d</sup>. To my paryche chyrche of Clee xij<sup>d</sup>. To the awter of the same chyrche iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the chyrche of sanct Egidij [*i.e.* Giles] of Scarthow xij<sup>d</sup>. I wyll that Robert Jonson my son haue hys land sawne of all maner of grane, with a pluythe and a cowlter and a shaer, and a wane with a zoke, [etc.], and hys rentes payd for the fyrst zere, and hys mother to mayk hys part of hys dyner of her cost and charge at the day of hyr marryge, [etc.]. I wytt to Kateryne my dowghter iiij<sup>d</sup>. vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. to be payd ewther in penny or in penny worthe. To Margarytt my dowghter, Wylliam my son, Alyson my dowghter, and Henry my sonne xls. apiece. To that chyld that my wyffe ys withall. To Thomas Suddebe my servant. The resydew of my guddes I wytt to An Jonson my wyff and Robert Jonson my son, qwome I mayk my exequyteres for to dyspose for the helthe of my sawyll. Theys wytnessys, sir Robert Lanam curytt; John Awdman of Hoyll; Thomas Dune of Clee; Wylliam Coolbe of the same; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 14 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM NORTHFOKE [OF DENTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 366.]

28 September, 1531. I William Northfoke of Denton, seke in the body make my last will. My bonys to be buried in the kyrke yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Denton. To our Lady off Lincoln viij*d*. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Androy for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the kyrke of s<sup>t</sup> Androy xij*d*. To the church of Harlaxton xij*d*. To the frerys of Grantham xij*d*. To a honeste preste for halffe a trentall off messys vs. for the helthe of my soule. Agnes my wyff to be executrix, and Laurence Castrope to be my supervisor. Wytnes, sir Richerd Wylson ; John Wellynger.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 17 October, 1531, by the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN NELSON [OF CLAYTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 379*d*.]

2 October, 1531. I John Nelson of Clathorpe in the parysh of Helloy makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church-erde of Helloy. To the high altare of the churche of Helloy for forgottyn tithys viij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the reparacion of the bellys of Helloy iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the church of Aby viij*d*. To the church of Awthorpe iiij*d*. To every one of my yong chylder, that is to say John, Thomas, and Margaret, xii*s*. iiij*d*. each [*folio* 380]. I will that every one of thes chylder be others heyr, and yff it fortune that thes chylder dye before that they be of lafull age, I will that the forsayd goodes remayn to the church of Helloy. To Isabell my daughter. To my mother. To s<sup>t</sup> Peter chapell iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes not wit nor gyffen I gyff them to Thomas Nelson and Isabell my wyff, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, William Hope ; Richerd Taler ; and other moy.

Proved at Parteney, 21 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DERBY [OF THURLBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 284.]

3 October, 1531. I Robert Derbye makes my testament and last will, [etc.]. My body to be buried within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Fyrmyne within the parysh of Thurlby. To the high altare iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln ij*d*. To the bellys iiij*d*. To John Geste and Nicholes my sonne. To Mathew my sonne. To Margaret and Elizabeth my daughters. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff, who I make my executrix to dispose my goodes for the helthe of my soule. I constitute William Harby my supervisor. In wytnes herof, Nicholes Watson ; John Elsy ; William Elred ; and Robert Bate. I will that my wyff shall have my house to Michelmes cum ij yeres, and then to John Geste.

Proved before P., at Stamford, 6 March, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. LEDYS [OF NETTLETON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 280.]

3 October, 1531. I William Ledys makes my wyll. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> John of Netylton. To my curet to pray for me iij*s*. iiij*d*. I gyff a cow to the parysh churche of saynt John



of Netylton, and another to the parysh church of Feryby. And I will that with thes ij kye be ij lyghttes founde afore the image of our Lady of Piety in other of the forsayd churchys on. I will that sir Thomas Alynby say a trentall of messys for me within the parysh church of Netylton. To my godsun Thomas Clerke, and to every on of hys brether and systers. To John Webster son. To every godchylde that I have within my parysh wher I wone iiij*d*. To the parysh churchys of Northkelsay, Sowthkelsay, Howton, Claxby, Normanby, Thuresway, Rothwell, Caborne, Castre, iiij*d*. each. I make my wyff and Alice my doughter my hole executors, and I wyll that Robert Clerke be supervisor and helpe them in ther besynes. To our Lady of Lincoln warkes xi*d*. To every on of John Cowtes chyltren. To Thomas Pawtener. To the high altare off s<sup>t</sup> John of Netylton viij*d*. Thes wytness, John Stowper ; Thomas Frankes ; and John Sotheby ; with other.

Proved before P., at Castre, 13 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. FOSTER [OF LINCOLN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 247.]

4 October, 1531. I Thomas Foster of the cite of Lincoln, tileburner, seke in body, ordens my last will and mynde. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe besyde my sonnys. To the church warkes for my forgottyn tithis m tylys. To the warke off our Lady of Lincoln ijs. iiij*d*. To John Watson one stokkyd dooblyt, [etc.]. To Richerde Wellys ijs. iiij*d*. To Thomas Johnson my servant a m breke tile. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Cecile my wyff, whome I do make my executrix, and I will that sir John Shakyllton prest be my supervisor, and to have for hys labor xxs. Wytnes, John Watson ; Richerd Wellys ; with other mo.

Proved in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 22 March, 1531-2.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI WARDON [DE LONG BENNINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 292*d*.]

In Dei nomine Amen iiij<sup>o</sup> die mensis Octobris anno domini M<sup>o</sup> quingentesimo xxxi Ego Robertus Wardon de Benyngton husbandman compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum ; In primis do et lego animam meam Deo Patri omnipotenti beate Marie ac omnibus sanctis ; corpus que meum sepeliendum in cimiterio sancti Swythini de Benyngton predicta Item lego altari beate Marie vjd. Item altari sancti Thome vjd. Item reparacionibus ecclesie de Benyngton ijs. iiij*d*. Item cawsy xvij*d*. Item to the fen brig ijd. Item reparacionibus ecclesie de Lincolnia xij*d*. Item lego v gildis de Benyngton xxd. Item lego ecclesiis de Cottam, Freston, Staynton, Westburgh', Dodyngton, Alyngton, Valdenewton, Normanton, cuilibet earum ecclesiarum ijd. Item lego idoneo presbitero xxiijs. iiij*d*. ad celebrandum pro anima mea. Item lego Obseruantibus de Newarke vnum modium frumenti. Item lego Johanni Panne vnam vaccam. Item cuilibet puero de Pannys vnam ouem. Item Johannis Hunt cuilibet puero vnam ouem. Item Thome Hunt vnam ouem. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Agneti vxori mee Johanni Gamill Michaeli Gylberde quos constituo

et ordino meos veros et legitimos executores et Ricardum Ysac meum supervisorem. Hiis testibus Ricardo Smyth vicario Johanne Hunt et aliis etc.

Proved before P., at Ancaster.

JOHN STAMPE [OF SCUNTHORPE].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 273.]

8 October, 1531. I John Stampe of Saunthorpe [*sic*] w<sup>th</sup> in parochinge of our Ladye of Frothingham hole of mynd seeke of bodye makes my testament and last will. My body to be buried w<sup>th</sup> in the church of Frothingham. To our Ladye worke of Lincoln' ijs. To the hye alter of our Ladye of Frothingham ijs. To the gray fryers of Grimsby iij*s*. iij*d*. To the Augustine fryers iij*s*. iij*d*. To Katheryne my daughter a cove w<sup>th</sup> calfe. To William Stampe the sonne of Roberte vj sheringes and tow quarters barlye. To William Wightman children v shepe. To a prest to singe for the space of a quarter of a yeare xxs. To William Wightman wyfe a vyolett gowne. To Roberte Stampe a gowne of russett. Vnto Thomas Stampe a spitt a cownter a payre of quernes a chist and a lead. Vnto John Stampe my sonne a crofte called Cobb crofte for the space of xxxix<sup>tie</sup> yeres. Vnto William Stampe, John Stampe, W<sup>m</sup> Wightman, and Roberte Stampe, whome I make superuisors vjs. viij*d*. Vnto Roberte Stampe xxvjs. viij*d*. that restes in Thomas Kelkes handes. The residewe of my goodes I geue vnto Ellen Stampe my wyfe and Thomas Stampe, whome I make my executores that they order and dispose for the health of my soule as it may please God. Thes beinge wittnes, Thomas Crofte; William Ruston; John White; John Patricke.

Proved before L., 11 December, 1531. Administration granted to Elen and Thomas the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS VYNCENT [OF WALTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 14.]

8 October, 1531. I Thomas Vincent of Waltham makes my testament and laste will. My body to be buried within the churche of All Halloys of Waltham, with that at be due to the churche at the lawe will requyre. To the high altare within our mother churche of Lincoln iij*d*. To our Ladys warke in the sayd churche viij*d*. To the high altare within the churche of Waltham for forgottyn tithys xxd. To the bellys iij*d*. To iij lighttes in the sayd churche, one afore the roode, one afore our Lady, and one afore s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne, everychon of them iij*d*. To our Ladys light in the high qwere iij*d*. To John my sun a house callyd Bawkoccthyng with lande and medoys therto belongyng lying within the towne and the felde of Waltham, and fyve acres of lande to sawe be yere callyd Abbot lande with the medoys and the purtenaunce, and iij landes arable callyd Horton lande, and too acres of lande arable of the oder syde of the felde on acre late John Stepyng lande to hym and to hys heyres for ever. To Richerde my sun x acres of lande sawn, a shod wayn, a bewyll, a plugh, [etc.]. [*folio 14d.*] To Ane my daughter. To William my sun. To George my sun. To Robert my sun my housses landes medoys that I have within the towne and felde of Scarthaw, to hym and to hys heyres for ever. To Agnes my wyff the thyrdes of all my landes for the terme of her lyff,

and the sayd Agnes to helpe to bere the thyrd of the costes and chargeys of reparacions. To Edmunde my sun a mete borde, a bynke borde, a blake oke forme, a chare, a blake arke, the grettiste, a dysh bynke, a basyn, a laver, [etc.]. I wyll that yff any of my chyldren shulde fortune to stande nede to sell any porcion of ther houses or landes that they shulde sell on to another yff any of them will by and that they shulde have it before any other. To John Lamme my servant. To Catheryne Wylson. The resydue of my goodes not wyt I bequethe to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executor at she may dispose it for the helthe of my soule. I make m<sup>r</sup> Richerd Waterton the elder the supervisor, desyeryng hym to be good to my wyff and to my chyldern for to helpe theym in ther right. Wytynes herof, sir William Yeff; sir John Clerke; Simon Howson; Richerde Asbye; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 18 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CARTER [OF YARBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 275.]

9 October, 1531. I John Carter of the parysh of Yarburgh ordens and makes this my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of my parysh churche. To the high altare xx*d*. To our mother church warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To my parysh churche xv*d*. To Johan my wyff. To William and Thomas my sonnes; to Jenet and Cecile my daughters; I will that they have other of them vjs. viij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to William my sonne, whome I orden my executor. In wytynes herof, William Mawer; Percevell Holland; and Thomas Paiteson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

JOHN BLACKBORNE [OF STAINTON WADINGHAM].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 276.]

12 October, 1531. I John Blackborne, hole of mynd, seeke in bodye, makes my will after this manner. My bodye to be buried in the church yeard of s<sup>t</sup> Peters of Staynton Waddingham. For my mortuary as the lawe will requier. To the hye alter of s<sup>t</sup> Peters of Waddingham ij*d*. To our Ladye in the same church ij*d*. To our Ladye worke of Lincoln' iiij*d*. To our Ladye light in the church of Busshoppnorton' ij*d*., and ij*d*. to the light afore Alhalowes in the same church. I will that Thomas Bennett haue my tawnay jackett after my death. I will that Jelian my [*page 277*] daughter haue one read calfe, and Ellyn my daughter haue one read calfe w<sup>th</sup> a sterne in the head, and the same Ellen shall haue a nombre after the death of her mother. The rest of my goodes not geuen I will that Agnes my wyffe haue, whome I make myne executrix to dispose my goodes as she thinkes best for the health of my sowle and all christian sowles. I will that Thomas Kyrke and Barnard Pekinginge be the superuisors to see that my wyffe haue no wronge. Be it remembrid that Roberte Blackborne dwellinge in Berkw<sup>th</sup> in Ellmett dothe owe me a gowne the price xxs. and iij syluer sponnes. Thes beringe wittnes, Rycherd Phillippe; William Wilkinson; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved before L., [*blank*] February, 1531-2.



## THE TESTAMENT OF T. SWANE [OF METHERINGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 376d.]

15 October, 1531. I Thomas Swanne of Mettryngham make and orden thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Wylfryde in Mettryngham. To the high altare of Mettryngham, iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Welton church vjij<sup>d</sup>. To Dunham church iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Scothorne church xij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Edward Swanne. To Elizabeth Swanne a dowyd qwe. To Jenet, John, Isabell, Helene, and Alice Swanne xjs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To William Hill. To Richerd Storre. To Helene Rygyll. To John Skyllingthorpe. To Edward Swanne a house in Dunham and xl<sup>w</sup> acres lande and medoy aftyr the decesse of hys father and mother, and then he to have it yff he will be orderyd by them or ellys they to gyff it where it shall please them. I will that a trentall of messes be done for my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Robert Swanne my sonne, whome I make my executor. Thes beryng whytnes, Jamys Lendesay; Thomas Jakson; John Thomson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 June, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CARTER [OF THEDDLETHORPE ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 269d.]

18 October, 1531. I John Carter of Thedilthorpe, husbandman, mak this my testament and last wyll. My body to be beryd within the parriche church of Alhawlos in Thedylthorpe. To the hethe awlter of the sade church of Thedylthorpe xx<sup>d</sup>. I gyf towards the reparacions of the cathedrall church of our blessyd Lady of Lincoln xvj<sup>d</sup>. To the reparacions of the church of Alhawlos in Thedylthorpe xxs. I geue towards the reparacions of the stepyll of the parache church of sant Elyn in Thedylthorpe ix<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. To Margaret my wyff [*folio* 270]. To Robert Cartar my sowne in monye. To Thomas my sone, John my sone, and Margaret my dowther in monye xiiij<sup>l</sup>. vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. apiece. I geue to on ownyst and wyll dysposyd prest to syng for my sowle and all my frendes sowles duryng the space of j zere next after my decesse vl. vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To Elyn my dowther xxxvs. xd. To Jenet Carter my broders dowther. To iiij chelderen of Elyn my dowtheres evere on off thame vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To every one of my godchelder vj<sup>d</sup>. I wyll that my sayd wyffe have and in joye for therme of hyr lyfe all and synguler suche londes wyche of late tyme I have purchessyd, geuyng to Robert my sone owt of the sad landes zerely xxvjs. viij<sup>d</sup>., he beyng ordared be my sayd wyffe, Thomas Skypwythe off Outerby swyre, and my executores, and after her decese I wyll they remane to Robert my sowne and to hys ares, geuyng to John his broder owt off the sayd landes zerely xxs. towards his fendyng, he beyng ordared and rowlyd by his moder and the executures dowryng the lyffe of the sayd John; and yff itt hawpyng the sayd John to decesse with owtyng ares, than I wyll that xxs. zerely of the sayd landes geuyn to the sayd John remane to Thomas my sowne and his ares, and yff it hawpyng the sayd Thomas my sawne to decesse and dy with owtyng ewchow, than I wyll that all my sayd purched landes remane to my next ares for ever. I wyll and dessyer all my feores sesydyd of and in my sayd landes make a state acordyng to this my last wyll.

The ressydu of all my gudes I geue to Robert my sowne and John Wythe, whome I make my executures to dyspose thame as tha schall thinke best, by my supervisure Thomas Skepwithe swere to the plesur of God performance off this my testament and last wyll and profyt of my sowle. Wytnessys, Arthur Ormesbe gentylman; Wylliam White; John Rowdyll; Martyn Harpam; with other.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CLONY [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 8.]

18 October, 1531. I Robert Clony of Spaldyng makes my last will and testament. [*folio 8d.*] My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of our blessyd Lady and s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes agenst the weste dore in Spaldyng. To the high altare in oblation to the holy sacrament for tithys forgottyn *xxd.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln *viiijd.* To the roode light in the paryshe churche of Spaldyng *ij d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Thomas light off the same churche *ij d.* To the Holy Goste light *ij d.* To s<sup>t</sup> Sythe light *ij d.* To the paryshe churche warkes of Spaldyng *iijs. iiij d.* To my lorde the prior of Spaldyng *vjs. viij d.*, and to the conuent of the same place *vjs. viij d.* To Richerde my sun. To Richerde my brother. To Thomas Jeze. To Thomas Prestre my medlay cote. To Robert Warde my servant *xxs.* to be payd at the age off *xx<sup>ty</sup>* yeres. To sir John Poynton a boke callyd the Byble. To Agnes my wyff all my landes that be intalyd the terme of her lyff, and also a house that I bought whiche was Swannys nexte vnto my house that I dwell in, the terme of her lyff, also *v* acres of lande *ij* garthynges stedes and a grene that I bought whiche was sumtyme Ranson landes, the space of her lyff, and after her decesse I will that the thre acres that lyethe together remayn in my feoffys handes to the vse and proffyt of the Trinitie gylde in Spaldyng foreuer, and the deanys of thys gylde at that tyme beyng shall with the rent of thys landes cause one obyt to be kepyd euer of the day after all saulys day with dirige ouernyght and messe of the nexte morow for my soule and Agnes my wyff soule, my graunsyr and grandom soulys William and Alice, my father and mother soulys Thomas and Catheryne, my wyff father and mother soulys Watkyn and Cecily, the chargeys of thys shall be *iijs. iiij d.*, of the whiche *xij d.* of it shall be bestowyd in ferthyng bred and gyffyn to pore people in the churche when dirige is done. The resydue of thes *v* acres *ij* gartyn stedes and a grene my wyff to gyff or to sell as she shall please. And after the decesse of Agnes my wyff I will that Richerd my sun haue all my landes that be intalyd to hym and hys heyres, and a house that I bought nexte unto my wonnyng house to gyff or to sell, he payng *xls.* that I do owe for the same house when it shall be axyd. The resydue of my goodes [*folio 9*] I gyff them to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix to pay my dettes and to fulfyll thys my present testament as it shall be moste pleassyng vnto God and helthe vnto my soule; and Peter Butler to be my supervisor, and he to haue for hys labor and besynes *iijs. iiij d.* Thes men to wytnes, sir John Poynton; Thomas Keydbe; Thomas Jere; Robert Wellys; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 27 March, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN JOHNSON [PARSON OF BEESBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 360.]

18 October, 23 Henry VIII, 1531. I John Johnson, parson of Beysby, do make my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the high quere of the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Beysby. To our Lady warke of Lincoln ijs. To the doctor of the Gray frerys of Lincoln a mazer. To the Augustyn frerys of Grymesby ijs. vjd. To Robert Fen and Alyson his wyff. To pore folkes of my oown paryshon. To the sayd Robert and Alyson his wyff vj sylver sponys, my hawmbry, my leade, [etc.]. To the sayd Robert Fen and Alyson his wyff my lyttyll crofte duryng the terme off my yeres, and all my hay. To John Prentofte, To sir Androy Billesby knyght one dunned mare with a foole and one stagge and one soverayng of golde. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the sayd sir Androy Billesby knyght, whome I make my executor to dispose for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys, by the oversight of Walter Malteby and John Bell, whome I make my supervisors, and they to have for ther labors vjs. viijd. each. Wytnes, sir William Hopkynson prest; Thomas Pynder of Beysby; John Ruddyll of the same; and John Pynder of the same; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 1 January, 1531-2, by the executor.

## TESTAMENT OF RICHERDSON [OF BURTON PEDWARDINE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 12d.]

18 October, 1531. I Richerdson of Burton orden my testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of the holly appostyll s<sup>t</sup> Andro of Burton, and my mortuary as the lawe dothe assygne. To the sacrament in the same churche for tithys forgottyn viijd. To the reparacions of our mother churche of Lincoln vjd., and to the fatherles chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne iiijd. To Thomas Stottarde my plough with the tyementes that belongs to it [etc.], and the said Thomas shall fynde my wyff meate wynter and somer. To the schode frerys in the towne of Boston. The reste of all my goodes I put to the disposicion of Catheryne my wyff and Thomas Stottarde, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, sir John Gylden; sir Robert Peycoke; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Sleforde, 11 April, 1532, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CAVALL [OF WAINFLEET].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 268.]

19 October, 1531. I William Cavall of Waynflet makes my testament. My body to be buried in the churche of All Halloys of Waynflet. To our Lady of Lincoln xijd. To the high altare in the churche of All Halloys of Waynflet xijd. To the ornamentes of Mary Magdalene in the sayd churche vjd. To the ornamentes of our Lady in our Lady quere in the sayd churche vjd. To the bellys in the sayd churche xvjd. I will that the ixs. that I have in my handes of my prentisse be mayd xxs. To my father vjs. yerly duryng hys lyff to pay hys house rent withall. I will have a prest to syng at Allhalloys churche be the space of hallff a yere for my soule and for the soulys off all my benefactors and all crysten soulys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Emme my wyff to dispose for my soule and hers as she thynkes best, whome I make my executrice, and



my dere m<sup>r</sup> Rawff Grene supervisor. Thes beryng wytnes, sir William Gorell ; Thomas Mannyng ; William Whythode ; and other.

Thys is the last will of me William Cavell of Waynflet mayd ther the xix day off October, 23 Henry VIII. I will that my feoffys that be infeoffyd or herafter shall be infeoffyd in all my landes and ten'tes, stande infeffyd to the use of thys my last will. I wyll that Emme my wyff have the house that I dwell in, and all the landes therto belongyng or takyn be copyholde or be indentur, to her and her assynges for ever. To Emme my wyff the house that I bought of Isabell Franke to her and her assynges for ever. Thes beryng wytnesses, sir William Gorell ; Thomas Mannyng ; William Whythode ; and other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 15 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD QWYTTYNGHAM [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, f. 342d.]

22 October, 1531. I Richard Qwytyttenham of Sutterton makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the holy churcheyerde of our blessyd Lady of Sutterton by the chauncell dore at the chauntre qwere ende and my mortuary after the statutes nuly orderyd. To our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns wythowt the wallys off Lincoln ij*d*. To the high altare of our blessyd Lady of Sutterton for tithys negligently forgottyn xv*d*. To the honornamente of euery altare w<sup>t</sup> in the same church iii*d*. To the church warke ther xxs. To the sepulcre light in the same church iii*d*. To the light callyd All Saulys light wythin the same church iii*d*. To euery light comptable w<sup>t</sup> in the same church ij*d*. To [*folio* 343] euery light vncomptable j*d*. I will my executors do bring me forthe at my buryall day and cause to be done at my vij<sup>th</sup> day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day solempe placebo, dirige, and messe with other chargys of almys necessary to the pore people to be at the discrestion of them. I will my executors pay or cause to be paid towarde the stipende and wagys of one seculare preste sayng messe afore our swete Lady of Soterton the space and terme of xij yeres nexte foloyng after my decesse euery yere vs. To the iiij clausters of frerys in Boston to euery clauster ijs. vnder thys condicion that euery order when they have the sayd ijs. payd to them then I will immediatly they do solempe placebo, dirige, and messe in the mornyng praying for my soule and all crysten soulys. To Margery my wyff vj mylke kye of the best, xij yowys, and ther lammys of the best, ij horsys of the best, [etc.], all my housholde stuff not bequethyd nor gyffyn all my croppys throsshyn and vnthrosshyn and all my flax dight and vndight. The residewe of all my other catallys after my dettes be payd and my legacy fullyllyd be evynly devydyd in valor and porcion betwene William Qwytyttenham and Roger Qwytyttenham my sonnys. Also I gyff to William Qwytyttenham my sone one jacke, one pare of splentes, ij of my best gownys, one bed as it standes in the parler with the curtens and coveryng, as porch colys, one ambre, one chaffer, one payntyd hallyng in the hall, one bordyd chare, one thrawne chare, one horse mylne as it standes, and iiij*l*. lafull money starlyng ; also after the decesse of Margery my wyff hys mother the best harness gyrdyll y<sup>t</sup> was masterys Norton. To Roger Qwytyttenham my sone one sallyt, one gorgyt, one bill, [etc.], and iiij*l*. lafull money sterlyng ; also after the decesse off Margery my wyff hys

mother the second harness gyrdyll y<sup>t</sup> was masteres Norton. To John Qwyttyngham vjs. viij*d*. To Isabell Goodhale one matteres, [*folio 343d.*] the lynyn that was her awntes, [etc.]. I will y<sup>t</sup> William Qwyttyngham and Roger Qwyttyngham my sonys be at the gouernyng and the puttyng forthe of Margery my wyff ther mother by the ouersyght aund good counsell of sir Henry Norton, sir John Wright, and sir William Wright, prestes, to the honesty, welthe, and moste proffyt of the forsayd William and Roger vnto they cum to and be the age of xviiij yeres, or ellys the day of ther mariage yf it fortune them or other off them to be maryed afore the age of xviiij yeres. And I will that all the goodes catallys and money to the forsayd William and Roger in thys my present testament bequethyd be at and in the discrestion and custody of Margery my wyff ther mother to ether of them cum to and be the sayd age of xviiij yeres or ellys at the day of ther mariage. Provydyd y<sup>t</sup> yff it fortune that Margery my wyff at any tyme aftyr my decesse be maryd afore the sayd William and Roger my sonnys cum to xviiij yeres, then I will the sayd Margery iij days afore she be maryed delyuier or cause to be delyueryd owte of her handes all suche legacies and money as to them is bequethyd and gyven in thys my testament in to the handes and custody of sir Henry Norton, sir John Wright, and sir William Wright to the welthe of the sayd William and Roger vnto they cum to and be the age or day aforesayd at whiche tyme or day I will William and Roger haue ther bequestes and money delyueryd in to ther owne discrestion. Yff it fortune William Qwyttyngham my son to decesse or he cum to the age of xviiij yeres not maryd, then I gyff all the sayd legacies and money to Roger my sone, all costes and chargys of hys exhibicion fyndyng kepyng in the tyme of hys sekones, honest necessary funerall expenses of the sayd William Qwyttyngham my sone accompted and dyscharged. Yff it fortune Roger [*folio 344*] my sone to decesse or he cum to the age of xviiij yeres not maryed then I gyff all the sayd legaces and money to William my sone, all costes and chargys of hys exhibicion, fyndyng, kepyng in the tyme of hys sekenes, honest and necessary funerall expenses discharged. Yff bothe decesse or they cum to the sayd age not maryed, then I will that all the legacies [etc.], be disposyd be the handes of Margery my wyff ther mother or ellys be suche as shall haue the sayd legaces in ther gouernyng and custody in the churche and towne of Sutterton as in celebracion of prystes, or bying any honornamente to the churche, or doying reparacion of the sayd churche, almys emonge pore people, and in mendyng of high ways where they shall thynke beste to please God and most proffyt for my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydue of all my goodes not bequethyd I put to the disposicion of Margery my wyff and William Qwyttyngham my sone, whome I make my executors to dispose my goodes as they shall thynke best to please God for the moste proffyt and helthe ffor my soule and all crysten soulys, by the ouersight and good discrestion of sir Henry Norton, sir John Wryght, and sir William Wryght to each of whome I gyff vjs. viij*d*., whome I make supervisors. To Mr Anthony Erby for hys good counsell to my executors and supervisors for the perforacion of thys my testament foloyng vjs. viij*d*. And to Mr Roger Hulton for hys good counsell vs. Thes wytnes, syr John Eschedale preste off Sutterton ; William Hobson of the same ; wyth other moy.

This is the last will of me Richerde Qwyttyngham of Sutterton, mayd 22 October, 23 Henry VIII, [A.D. 1531] of all messuages, tenementes, landes pasture and arable, as well freholde as copyholde, lyinge in the townys and felde of Sutterton, Algarkyrke, and Wygtofte. I will y<sup>t</sup> all my coffeotores stande and be seasyd of them [*folio* 344*d*.] to the vse and performacion of thys my last will. To Margery my wyff the terme of her lyff one mansion that I purchesyd of sir John Wright, as it lyes now wythin the heggys, and aftyr the deceسه of the sayd Margery I gyff it as it lyes w<sup>t</sup> in the hegges to William Qwyttyngham my sone, to hys heyres and assyignes. To Roger Qwyttyngham my sone hys heyres and assyignes one macion lying at Lawransse Brygge, and iiij acres pasture and arable therto belongyng which I purchesyd off William Wattys, iij acres lande and pasture lying in Algerkyrke, ij acres lande arable wyth the lytyll holte of wood that I purchesyd of sir William Wattys prest, halff one acre arable that I purchesyd of Roger Dyconson, ij acres and one halff y<sup>t</sup> I purchesyd of William Hubbert lying in Chetyll felde, one acre and a halff pasture lying in Wigtofte felde, when he shall cum to the age of xviiij yeres or ellys the day of hys mariage yff it shall fortune the sayd Roger to be maryed afore he cum to the sayd age of xviiij yeres, vnder thys condicion that the sayd Roger pay or cause to be payd to Margery my wyff hys mother at the feste of Philip and Jamys yerly the terme of her lyffe viijs. sterlyng, and in defawt of payment w<sup>t</sup> in viij days foloyng the sayd feste, I will it shall be lauffull for Margery my wyff or hyr assyignes to strene of any parcell of the sayd mansion and landes to the same Roger gyvyn in thys my last will, and the stresse so takyn to dryve away vnto the sayd somme of viijs. be fully and holy payd. And yff it fortune the sayd Roger to deceسه owt of thys present lyff w<sup>t</sup> owt heyres of hys body lauffully begottyn, then I will and gyff the sayd mansion lying at Lawransse Bryg and all other landes pasture arable and woode gyffyn to the sayd Roger in thys my last will to William my sone, to hys heyres and assyignes. And yff it fortune bothe William and Roger to deceسه owt of thys present lyff wythowt heyres of ther bodyes lauffully begottyn, then I will that my feoffotores stande and be seassyd of and in the forsayd mansion lying at Lawrans Bryg and in all other landes, [etc.], to the sayd [*folio* 345] Roger afore gyffyn to the vse her aftyr foloyng, that is to say, I will the rentes, commodities, [etc.], cumyng of and vppon the sayd mansion and all the other landes, pasture, and woode, by the handes of my executrix yff she lyff, or any of my supervisors yff they lyff, and in the vacacion of my executrix and supervisors my feoffotores that tyme beyng, be gyvyn towarde the wags, stypende, and salary of one secular preste sayng messe afore our qwhytte Lady in the churche of Sutterton the terme and space of lxxxxix yeres, and lenger yff the kynges lawe will suffer it. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> my executrix, supervisors, and feoffotores mayd and to be mayd, and euery one of them in ther tyme and tymys beyng, wyth parcell of the sayd rentes,[etc.], kepe or cause to be kepyd my anniuersary day, prayng for my soule the saulys of Margery and Johanne my wyffes, the soulys of my father and my mother, and all crysten soulys, yerly spendyng in solempane placebo and dirige, messe, and in almys among pore people w<sup>t</sup> in the parish of Sutterton the terme of the sayd lxxxxix yeres, vjs. viij*d*. Providyd alway that yf the kynges lawe will not suffer



the sayd mansion and all the other landes, [etc.], to stand and be in the possession off my feoffetors, that the rentes [etc.], may not be gyffyn and dystribute as is aforesayd, then I will my executrix and supervisors yff they lyff, and yff they be decessyd I will my feoffetores and churchwardens of Sutterton that tyme beyng, by the counsell of iiij of the moste substanciall men of the same paryshe do sell the sayd mansion and all the other landes, [etc.], by the best price they canne, and the money therof takyn I will be distributyd in the churche and parysh of Sutterton for the well proffyt and helthe of my soule, the soulys of my wyffes, the soulys off my father and my mother, and all crysten soulys, as in celebration of prestes, honornamentes w<sup>t</sup> in the churche, in reparacion of the churche as in stone, woode, glasse, or ledde, almys emong pore people, and mendyng of high ways wher as they shall thynke best to please God and moste helthe and proffyt to my soule and all crysten soulys. To William Qwyttyngham my sonne, to his heyres and assygnes, my mansion [folio 345d.] which I wonne in w<sup>t</sup> the pertinenses as it lyes and all other mansions, tenementes, landes [etc.], in the towne and felde of Sutterton, as well freholde as copyholde, not namyd nor gyffyn afore to Roger my sonne, when he shall cum to the age of xviiij yeres or ellys the day of hys mariage vnder thys condicion that the sayd William pay or cause to be payd to Margery my wyff hys mother at the feste of s<sup>t</sup> Michel the Archangell in the monyth of September yerly the terme of her lyff naturall xijs. sterlyng, and in defawte of payment it shall be lauffull to her or her assygnes to strene on the sayd manssyons or of any parcell of landes, [etc.], to the sayd William gyffyn in thys my last will, and the distresse so takyn to dryve away vnto the sayd sum of xijs. be fully and holy payd. And yff it fortune y<sup>t</sup> William my sone to decesse owt of thys present lyff w<sup>t</sup> owt heyres of hys body lauffully begottyn, then I gyff the sayd mansions tenementes, [etc.], to Roger my sone to hys heyres and assygnes. And yff it fortune bothe William and Roger my sonnys to decesse w<sup>t</sup> owt heyres of ther bodys lauffully begottyn, then I will the forsayd mansions, lande, [etc.], as is to William and Roger my sonnys namyd and gyvyn, to Margery my wyff the terme of her lyff naturall, and after her decesse to John Qwyttyngham my brother sone, to hys heyres and assygnes, on mansion lying at Gararde Hyll excepte, in the which mansion I will my feoffetores stande and be seysed of and into the intente hereafter declared, that is to say, to thuse of the paryshoners of Sutterton, which mansion I will shall be ther gylde house the space and terme of lxxxxix yeres, and lenger and the kynges lawe will suffer it ; and I will when the sayd paryshoners do make [folio 346] ther gylde, when they haue dynyd, the chambelayns of the same gylde to desyre euery man and woman ther beyng present to say one *Pater noster*, one *Ave Maria*, and one *Credo*, and they that canne to say *De profundis* for my soule, the soulys of my wyffes, the soulys of my father and my mother, and all crysten soulys. And yff the kynges lawe will not suffer the sayd mansion to stande and be in the handes of my feoffetors to the purpose aforesayd then I will my supervisors yff they lyff, or elles the feoffetors of the sayd mansion that tyme beyng, by the counsell of the churchwardons and iiij of the moste substanciall men of the sayd parysche of Sutterton that tyme beyng, do sell the sayd mansion by the best price, and the money therof takyn I will be done in warkes of

charite within the churche and parysche of Sutterton wher they shall thynke best to please God to the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. I will that William Qwytyngnam and Roger Qwytyngnam my sonnys and all the forsayd mansions, [etc.], be in gouernaunce and orderyng of Margery my wyff. And I will the sayd Margery by the good counsell of sir Henry Norton, sir John Wryght, and sir Wylliam Wryght, w<sup>t</sup> the renttes thereof aray, fynde, and put forthe the sayd William and Roger to ther moste honesty profyte and well to the sayd William and Roger cum to and be the age of xvij yeres or ellys the day of ther mariage, at the which terme of xvij yeres and day off mariage I will the sayd William and Roger haue and possesse in ther owne gouernaunce all the sayd mansions, lands, [etc.]. Provydyd y<sup>t</sup> yff Margery my wyff at any tyme aftyr my decesse be maryed afore William and Roger cum to the age of xvij yeres or ellys the day of ther mariages, [*folio 346d.*] then I will that she shall no more take receyve nor haue no maner of rentes, [etc.], of the sayd mansions (her annuite excepte). And I will the sayd Margery iiij days afore she be maryed do seale and delyuer to William and Roger my sonnys a generall release of for and in all ryghtes and titles of and in the premises to the sayd William and Roger in thys my last will namyd and gyvyn. And I will the premises be at the lettyng to ferme and gouernaunce of sir Henry Norton, sir John Wryght, and sir William Wryght, prestes, to thusse well and proffyt of the sayd William and Roger to they cum to the age of xvij yeres or ellys the day of ther mariages. Mayd and wryttyn the yere and the day aforesayd. Wytnes, sir John Eschedayll preste; and William Hobson of Sutterton; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 June, 1532, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GRETHAM [OF NORMANBY LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 350d.]

28 October, 1531. I Robert Gretham of Normanby, seke of body, ordyns my testament and last will. My body to be buryd within the churche of Normanby, and for my buryall I gyff to the churche aforesayd vjs. viij*d.* To our Lady warke in Lincoln iiij*d.* To the high altare of the same iiij*d.* To the parson off Normanby for tithys and oblacions forgottyn to pray for my soule one gryssylde colte stag. I will that the ij daughters that was Thomas Chapman have ther barne partes, that is to say, xx<sup>ty</sup> nobyls that was assygnyd to them be the parson of Normanby and Robert Chapman of Thorneton. To Margaret my doughter iiij*l.*, and it to be payd be the discrestion of my executors, whome I orden my wyff Isabell, sir Thomas Foster, and John Gretham my father, they to dispose for my soule as it shall please God. Thes beyng wytnes, John Gretham; William Chapman; and Robert Watteryn; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 12 December, 1531. Administration granted to Isabell the relict and sir Thomas Foster, power being reserved to grant to John Gretham.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN RAYSYN [OF NORTH SOMERCOTES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 273.]

2 November, 1531. I John Rasyn of North Somercotes, husbandman, makes this my testament and last wyll. My body to be berryd in the

churche yerde of our Lady<sup>1</sup> of Northesomercotes, my mortuare to be payd after the rate and substans of my gudes. To our moder churche of Lincoln xij*d*. To the hethe altere of Northesomercottes for thethes and oblacions forgottyn xij*d*. Allso to the pareche churche of Cunnysholme iiij*d*. To the pareschurche of Northecottes viij*d*. To the parechechurche of Marchechapell iiij*d*. To the churche of Saltefleteby Clemens iiij*d*. To Recherd Brader of Northecottes. To Esabell Brader my dowther j grete arke, [etc.], after the decese of Agnes Rasyng my wyffe. To Thomas Brader. To Hyre [*sic*] Bastan of Northechapel. To Margaret Bastan my dowther vjs. viij*d*. [etc.]. To other of the dowthers of Hyne Bastan. To Magaret Rasyng my saruand j zeryng qwythe, [etc.]. To William Rasyng my sune. To Awncell Rasyng the sun of Thomas Rasyng of Northesomercottes. To Thomas Rasyng my sone. To Elyn Hanson. To every chelde of my sunne Thomas Rasyng. I wyll that William Rasyng celebrate ij trentals for the helth of my sole and all crestyn sowles in the paraschurche of Northe Somercottes. To Agnes Rasyng my wyfe my copy that I holde of master Lanton swere duryng the zeres, and yff so be that the sayd Agnes my wyfe decese before the zeres of the sade copy be fully endyd than I wyll that the zeres of the sade copy remane unto Thomas Rasyng my sune. The resydu of al my gudes I geve to Thomas Rasyng my sone and John Prestuere, whome I make my executres. Thes wytnesses, sir William Alby vicar of Northe Somercottes; Thomas Wod, John Bruster, Water Rasyng, John Bagit of the same; with many others.

Unto thesse premisses I wyll that Agnes Rasyng my wyfe have my mancion howsse sytuat in Summercottes with the purtinans therto belongyn duryng the terme of hir lyfe, and after her decese I wyll the mancion howse remane unto Thomas and William Rasyng my sunnes, after this cundescion that this sade Thomas Rasyng schall geve zereyly unto the sade William Rasyng ijs. of the proffet of the sade howsse duryng the terme of the lyfe of the sade William Rasyng.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BROWNE [OF HARMSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 293*d*.]

4 November, 1531. I John Browne of Harmeston makes my testament. My body to be buried within the churche yerde of Harmeston. To the high altare of Harmeston iiij*d*., and to our Lady warkes off Lincoln iiij*d*., and to the iiij orders of frerys iiij strykes of barly, and to Helene Yodayll one cowe. To Lucy Yowdale one whye, and Jenet Browne one whye. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Catheryne my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose it for my soule my frendes soulys and all crysten soulyes. Wytnes, sir Leonerde Dyckson; Thomas Jaye; Thomas Lockyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 9 March, 1531-2.

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<sup>1</sup> In the nineteenth century the dedications of the churches of North Somercotes and South Somercotes were interchanged in error.



## [THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WESTMELLYS OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 398.]

4 November, 1531. I John Westmellys of Tofte do make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Guthlake of Tofte. To the sacrament iiij*d*. To our Lady altare iiij*d*. To the Trinite altare iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the chapell of our Lady ij*d*. To Robert Westmelles my sonne a quarter of a bote callyd a hoyker as she is occupyed. To Agnes my daughter. To Isabell my daughter. To Robert my sonne all my coppys aftyr the decesse of hys mother. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Cecill my wyff, whome I make my executrix, wyth Thomas Stabilton to occupy with her, and he to have for hys labor vs. Thes beyng wytnes, John Bate ; William Dawson ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MATBY [OF GREAT CARLTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 275*d*.]

5 November, 1531. I John Matby, makes my will. I witt my soule, [etc.], and my body to be buryed in the kyrke yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Gret Carleton. I wit to our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. I wyt to the high altare of Gret Carleton xij*d*. To the kyrke of the same halff a nacre of wheate. To Vincent Dobson. It is my wyll to have a dirige at my seventh day and hallff a trentall of messys done for me. It is my will that my wyff have all my housholde stuff. It is my will that all my other goodes be devydyd in iij partes, fyrst parte to my selff, the second to my wyff, and the other to the chylder. It is my will that my wyff and William Henryson be my executors, and Edmund Thornedyke my supervisor, and they to have for ther labor vjs. viij*d*. Yff it fortune any of my chylder to dy afore they be xij yere of age, then the goodes shall be devydyd emonges my wyff and my other chylder. The resydue of my goodes not gyffen nor wyt I gyff it to my executors to dispose for my soule. Thes men to wytnes, sir Olyuer Lamyng the curet ; William Freman ; John Crake ; Henry Dyconson ; with many other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF EMME MARCHAND [OF WIGTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 332.]

6 November, 1531. I Emme Marchande makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerdes of the appostellys Peter and Paule in the paryshyng of Wygtofte. To the high altare of Wygtofte iiij*d*. To our Lady altare ij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes altare ij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln ij*d*. To Helene Marchand. To Jenet Dene one bynk, [etc.]. To Robert Marchand my sonne. To Agnes Roche. To Emme Marchand and to Alexander Obray. To Alexander Obray sonne of Hugh Obray. To Robert Ouer wyff and to her chylde. To Emme Dene a blak arke. To John Dene the yonger ijs. To John Dene the elder. To John Marchand sonne of Alexander Marchande. To Hugh Marchand sonne of Robert Marchande, and to Richerd Ouer sonne of Robert Ouer. To John Marchande the elder and to Thomas Bynsay. All my goodes I bequeth to Alexander and Robert my sonnes,

whome I make my executors for to dispose for helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soullys. Whytnes, John Alanson ; Thomas Hune ; and John Pereson.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532, by the executors.

JOHN BULLOCKE [OF GLENTWORTH].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 339.]

9 November, 1531. I John Bullocke, hole of mynd and memory, maketh my testament and last will. My bodye to be buryed in s<sup>t</sup> Michaell church yeard of Glentworth. To the hye alter of the church of Glentworthe xij*d*. To the church workes of Glentworth xij*d*. To the church of Vptonne iiij*d*. To the church of Hepam iiij*d*. To euerye order of fryers of Lincoln' one strike of barlye. To William Bullocke one quye and one sawe and one hogg. To Em' Luddington one quye, and I bequeath to ij children of Thomas Luddington one ewe hogg [each]. To Thomas Luddington one mayre. To Thomas Bullocke my sonne one meare and one cople of oxen. To John my sonne one cople of oxen, one quarter of barlye, a wayne, and a cart, and to haue meate and drinke to he kepe howse himselfe. To Jenkin my sonne xls. To Margaret my daughter iiij*l*. vjs. viij*d*. To Thomas Pye one quye. The residewe of my goodes I geue to William my sonne, whome I make my executor to pay my debtes and to dispose for the healthe of my sowle as he shall thinke the best. I will that Thomas my sonne be the superuisor. Thes beinge wittnesses, sir Richard Taythwell curate ; Alexander Kyrke ; John Wilson ; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe. I will that a prest shall have xs. to do a trentall of messes for me and my wyfe.

Proved before L., at Lincoln, 16 January, 1531-2, and administration was committed to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD CLERK, PREST, [OF CROXTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 381.]

11 November, 1531. I sir Richerd Clerk, prest and parson of Croxton, makes and ordens my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the chauncell of the parysh church of Croxton before the ymage of s<sup>t</sup> John the Evangelist. To our Lady warke of the cathedrall churche of Lincoln a maser, and to the highe altare of the same churche xij*d*. To the parysh churche of Croxton towarde the mendyng of the bellys xs. To the churche of Vlceby xs. To the parysh churches of Melton Rosse, Wotton, and Kyrnyngton iijs. iiij*d*. apiece. To William Clerke my naturall brother xls., [etc.]. To Jamys Clerke my brother sonne xiijs. iiij*d*. To Thomas Clerke my brother sonne xls. I will that Nicholes Clerke my brother sonne have exhibicion of my goodes to suche [folio 381*d*.] tyme as he be preste yff he will be rewlyd be my executors, and immediatly aftyr he be preste I will that he have a yere wagys of my executors to syng for my soule and all crysten soullys. And I will the sayd Nicholes shall have the benefice of Thurmanby when it fallys void yff he lyff and will be preste, of wich benefice I have the nexte advowson. To Richerd Clerke my brother sonne xxs. To Rober Clerke my brother sonne xxd. To Josian my brother daughter. To George Watson xxs. To Alison Watson xs. To Agnes Plumpton xij*d*. To Richerd Watson.

To Isabell Clerke my brother wyff. To Helene my servant xij*d*. To master doctor Rayne one olde noble. To m<sup>r</sup> doctor Pryn a sylver spone and iiij weders. To m<sup>r</sup> Peter Effarde a sylver spone and iiij weders. To m<sup>r</sup> Henry Sapcot a sylver salte. I will that sir William Thomson syng one yere for my soule, and to have for hys labor and stipende iiij*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. To Elizabeth Latymer my servant vij*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. The resydewe of all my goodes I bequeth to Elizabeth Latymer. I make sir Andro Wylson, sir Richerd Watson, and Elizabeth Latymer my executors. And I will that the sayd sir Andro Wylson and sir Richerd Watson have for ther labors ether of them xxs. I will that m<sup>r</sup> Phylip Tyrwhytt and m<sup>r</sup> John Rud be supervisors, and I bequeth to m<sup>r</sup> Phylip for hys labor xxs. and to m<sup>r</sup> Rud for hys labor xiijs. iiij*d*. Thes beyng wytnes, sir George Cooke ; sir Andro Wylson ; and sir William Thomson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 November, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PARKYNSON [OF GREAT HALE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 339.]

12 November, 1531. I John Parkynson of Gret Hale makes my last will. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> John Baptist of Gret Hale, and to my mortuary that at the law doth admitt. To the vicar a cowe to pray for me and to discharge me of my tithys that I have bene negligent in. To s<sup>t</sup> John Baptist within the high quere of Gret Hale viij*d*. To the altare of our Lady and the altare of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns othor of them iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the chylde of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ij*d*. To the house of Hauerholme xij*d*. To our Lady altare of Ryskyngton iiij*d*. and to the high altare in the same church iiij*d*. To the same church ij torchys. To Hugh my sonne one horse, one stag, a stepefat, and a hayre, and a pare of qwerneys, [etc.] [*folio* 339*d*.] To John Hollande. To Robert Wylkynson of Dowesby. To Robert Holland. To every chylde that my doughter hathe. To every chylde that my sonne Hugh hathe. To Margaret Parkyn. To Xp'ofer Parkyn. To John Dykynson. To George Dykynson. To John Walters. To Margaret Lyerde. To Tommisyn Lierde. To the church off Gret Hale one kowe to kepe my obbyt with, and the sayd cowe to be lettyn for xvj*d*. in the yere and to up holde the stok. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alyson my wyff and Hugh my sone, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnesses, syr George Pynder ; Leonerd Markam ; Thomas Garwell ; William Kyrton ; Richerd Waters ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleaford, 12 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BENLAY [OF SWYNESHED].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 336*d*.]

13 November, 1531. I William Benlay of Swyneshed makes my testament and my last will. My body to be buryed within the church-yerde of our Lady in Swyneshed. To the high altare iiij*d*. To m<sup>r</sup> vicar xij*d*. to pray for my soule. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the fatherles chylde of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d*. To William Baxster and to Elizabeth hys wyff. To Johanne my doughter a lede standyng at Applay and di' acre of wheate. To John Kelsay. The resydue of my goodes



I gyff to Jenet my wyff and to Frauncys my sonne, whome I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule. I will that m<sup>r</sup> Robert Londe the vicar of Quadryng be the supervisor, gyffying hym for hys labor iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. Thes men beryng wytnes, sir Thomas Garton vicar ; Richard Bull ; and Richard Johnson ; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

RICHARD TORSAYE [OF EAST FERRY].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 354.]

13 November, 1531. I Richard Torsaye in Estferrye in the parishe of Scotton, hole in mynde and of good remembrance, makes my last will. My bodye to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Genevieve in Scotton. I bequeathe in the name of my mortuarye after the custome of the countrye y<sup>t</sup> now ys. To the hye awter in Scotton church xij<sup>d</sup>. To our Ladye workes in Lincoln minster viij<sup>d</sup>. To s<sup>t</sup> Heugh light iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the hye alter in Lincoln mynster iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Scotton church iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Kyrton in Lynsey church xij<sup>d</sup>. I bequeathe for one messe w<sup>th</sup> the derige to be said in Scotton church once by yeare for my sowle and all christian sowles iiij<sup>d</sup>., and the said iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be taken owte of the coppye howse rent in Lawghton duringe yearelye the space of xvj yeares. I bequeathe for one messe w<sup>th</sup> the dirige to be said in our Ladye chapell in Estferrye upon shrofte Twesday yearelye vj<sup>d</sup>. duringe for euermore, and the forsaid vj<sup>d</sup>. to be taken forthe of the rent of the howse in Laughton agaynst the crose. I bequeathe to the manteyninge and vpholdinge of the seruice of allmightie God and of our blessed Ladye in the chappell in Estferrye one cowe. To Elene Torsaye my daughter iiij<sup>l</sup>., to Johanne Torsaye my daughter iiij<sup>l</sup>., to Dorothye my daughter iiij<sup>l</sup>., and thes xij<sup>l</sup>. aboue named in penny or pennyworthe to be paid to thes iij madens. To my sonne Thomas Torsaye xls. to mende y<sup>t</sup> he had in tyme past, desiringe him to be good to his mother and to be contente w<sup>th</sup> this rewarde to mele no furthermore as he intendes to have his mothers blessinge and myne for euer more. To Roberte Moodye one quy of one yeare age. To Nicholas Coke my seruante one white fillye y<sup>t</sup> was of the graye meare. To Agnes my wyfe vijs. by yeare in cleare monye to be taken owte of the rente of the howse in Laughton in Linsaye agaynst the crose duringe her lyfe, and the foresaid Agnes my wyfe to haue the thirde parte of all my goodes. To my sonne John Torsaye my parte of the bargayne of the wynde mylne in Ashbye field hole to him selfe. To the foresaid John Torsaye the halfe parte of all the coppys y<sup>t</sup> I haue in bargayne, and the other halfe parte of the forsaid coppys I geue to Agnes my wyfe duringe her lyfe. [page 355] To my sonne John Torsaye all my harnesse and my instrumentes y<sup>t</sup> belonges to my shoppe, and the best horse y<sup>t</sup> belonges to me. To thre children of my daughter Elisabeth iiij lambes. To my daughter Margarette one yowe w<sup>th</sup> one lambe. To my brother Thomas Torsaye xij<sup>d</sup>. To John Torsaye xij<sup>d</sup>. To Roberte Torsaye xij<sup>d</sup>. To my brother W<sup>m</sup> Torsaye iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>., whome I make the superuisor. The residewe of all my goodes I geue to Agnes my wyfe and to my sonne John Torsaye, whome I make my executores y<sup>t</sup> they may dispose for the weale of my sowle. Thes men beinge wittnes, Thomas Devyas in Estferrye ; William Jackson of the same ; William Torsaye of the same ; William Everard

of Laughton in Lynsaye ; sir George Vessye prest in Estferrye ; cum aliis.  
Proved before L., at Gaynsbroughe, 20 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD VAUSSER [OF GOSBERTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 137d.]

13 November, 1531. I Richerde Vauser of the paryshe of Gosberkyrke dothe make orden and dispose thys my presente testament and laste will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of the appostellys s<sup>t</sup> Peter and s<sup>t</sup> Poule in Gosberton. To the high altare of the same churche ij*d*. To our Ladys offerynges of Lincoln ij*d*. To the fatherles chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withowte Lincoln wallys j*d*. All the resydue of my goodes not gyffyn nor bequethyd I gyff them unto Thomas Leeke, whome I make my executur to bryng my body unto the grounde and to dispose them for the use of my soule as shall seme hym beste. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Henry Topplys parysche preste ; Godfray Surflyt gentleman ; and danne William Pyggot chanon ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 4 March, 1533-4.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COKKE [OF BARROW ON HUMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 277d.]

14 November, 1531. I John Cooke off Barrow makes this my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of our blessyd Lady in Barrow. To the high alter of the churche of Barrow for forgottyn tithis viij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To Jane Cooke. To my brother a motlay cote, a jamlet jerkyn. To Richerde Becke my kynsman. The rest of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for my soule and all crysten soulys as she thinkes best. Thes men wytnes, Robert Hall ; and Robert Nele ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 19 April, 1532.

TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM OLYVER [OF WINTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 13.]

14 November, 1531. I William Olyuer off Wynthorpe makes thys my testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of our Lady in Wynthorpe. To the honornamentes of the high altare ther xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys altare iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne altare iiij*d*. To the bellys iijs. iiij*d*. To the roode light xij*d*. To the Wessalys light viij*d*. To the Yomans light xx*d*. To the Madyns light viij*d*. To our Ladys warke of Lincoln and oblacion viij*d*. To oblacion at our Lady of Walsyngham vj*d*. To the nonnys of Bollyngton xij*d*. I will haue a preste to syng for my soule and all my good frendes in Wynthorpe churche the space of one yere. To the chylder of John Oleuer. To Thomas Johnson dooughter. To Agnes Wylkynson. To John Gurne. To Thomas Malteby vicar iijs. iiij*d*., whome I make supervisor. To William Mylle and William Cobbe other of them iijs. iiij*d*., whome I make my executors to dispose the resydue of my goodes to the honor of God for the well of my soule. Thes men wytnes, sir Thomas Malteby vicar ; William Mathe ; John Gurne ; with other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 15 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT RAWE [OF ANCASTER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 285*d*.]

18 November, 1531. I Robert Rawe of Ancastre in the paryshyng of Willesforth<sup>1</sup> makes my will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of our Lady of Willesforde. To the high altare xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the pore chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns vj*d*. To the churche of Willesforde xij*d*. To the rode in the sayd churche a taper of wax price viij*d*., and iij*s*. iiij*d*. to mayntene the light therwith for evermore. To our Lady of Pety a taper of waxe price viij*d*., and iij*s*. iiij*d*. to mayntene the light with for evermore. To the Sepulcre light on schepe. To sir Thomas Hankyn a browne cowe. To the churches of Colby, Willoby, Brauncewell, Dounesby, xij*d*. each. To the chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys of Rawceby one schepe. To the chapell of our Lady in the paryshen of Willesford on schepe. To the churche of Ancastre xij*d*. To John Rawe my brother and hys wyff and to every one of hys chylder one schepe. To Thomas Rawe. To William Raw. To Thomas Lee. To Michel Wylkynson. To Robert Clerke of Brawncewell. I bequeth to John Patynson and to Thomas Hewe to be my supervisors, and eyther of them to have for ther labor iij*s*. iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes Rawe my wyff and to Margaret my doughter to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they thynke beste to the ples' of God. Wytnes, sir Thomas Hankyng the curat; Thomas Pecheyll; Thomas Dobleday; Thomas Too; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Ancastre, 8 March, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN THORPE [OF DENTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 282*d*.]

19 November, 1531, 23 Henry VIII. I John Thorp of Denton, yoman, seke of body, makes and ordens thys my present testament and last will in maner and forme ensewyng, that is to wytt, [etc.]. My body to be buried in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Denton. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Denton for my tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the churche warke of Denton a quarter of barly. To the Crosse gylde a schepe hog. To my father Robert Thorpe. To my father [*in lawe*<sup>2</sup>] William Julyan my weddyng gowne with my best dooblet and my syde jaket. I will that my fyrmie for the terme of my yeres aftyr my decease remayn to Emot my wyff, and aftyr that to William Julyan my father. To my wyff a colte and a fely that my father Robert Thorpe hathe in kepyng. To Elizabeth my doughter and heyre all my messuages, landes, lesurs, medoys, and pasturs that I have in the townys and feldes of Laxton and Mynschepe or ellys where in the counties of Yorke and Nottyngham, the whiche to me discendyd be right of inheritaunce aftyr the disese of my mother, to have and to holde to the sayd Elizabeth and to the heyres of her body lafully cumyng to holde of the cheffe lordes of the fee, therfore doying service dewe and custome. To the sayd Elizabeth, aftyr the decease of Robert Thorpe

<sup>1</sup> Ermine Street is part of the boundary between the parishes of Ancaster and Wilsford, and the houses in the village of Ancaster, which are on the east side of the street, belong to the parish of Wilsford.

<sup>2</sup> Struck out.



my father, all the landes and tenementes in the townys and felde of Laxton orellys where within the realme of Yngland the whiche I and my father have purchesyd, to have and to holde to her and the heyres of her body lauffully cumyng. To William Julyan my father all maner of evidences in hys kepyng concernyng the sayd messes, lands, [etc.], and other the premisses, to the vse of the sayd Elizabeth and the heyres of her body. All my other goodes I gyff vnto Emot my wyff and William Julyan my father, whome I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they thynke most expedyent. Thes beryng wytnes, sir Richard Wylson prest; William Shawe; Thomas Browne; with many other.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 4 March, 1531-2.

TESTAMENT OF ROBERT AWERAY [OF BECKINGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 292.]

25 November, 1531. I Robert Aweray dwellyng in the paryshyng off Bekkyngham makes my testament or my last will. My body to be buried in the churche or churcheyerde of All Halloys of Bekkyngham. To the high altare of the same churche for forgottyn tithys vjd. To our Lady warkes at Lincoln viijd. To the bellys of Bekkyngham xxd. To Straglethorpe churche xxd. To Robert Aweray my new a quarter of barley. To William Aweray my new a quarter of barley. I will Richerd and William my sonys haue thys barley in ther gydyng to ther behoyff till they cum to lauffull age. The resydue of my houshold stuff I gyff vnto my wyff. To iiij of Richerd my sonnys chylde iiiij schepe. To Thomas my sone ij ewys. I will y<sup>t</sup> Thomas my sonne haue fyve markes forgyffyn hym of the xiiij yere rent y<sup>t</sup> he hawys me yff he be good and honest and troble not my executors, and let not my wyll fullfylling; yff he be troublesum or make any busynes agenst my will or my executors I will y<sup>t</sup> he pay to my executors the forsayd v markes. To my wyff my house at the chauncell ende her lyff, and aftyr her decease I gyff it to William my sonne. To my wyff my house in Straglethorpe her lyff, and aftyr her decease to Richerd my sonne. The resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff to my wyff and William my sone that they may dispose it to the pleasure of God aftyr ther myndes as they thynke best fullfylling of my will and payng of my dettes, whome I make my full executors, and Richerd my sone the supervisor, and for hys labor I gyff hym vjs. viijd. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas Hirde the curat of the towne; Richerd Tayler; Thomas Peke; Johannes Burt; w<sup>t</sup> other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 4 May, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF WYLLIAM MODDE [OF BILLINGBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 285.]

29 November, 1531. I William Modde off Byllyngburgh make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of Byllyngburgh. To the high altare of Byllyngburgh for tithys forgottyn viijd. To our Lady of Lincoln ijd., and to our Lady warkes ijd., and to the fatherles chylde of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ijd. To John Modde my sonne. To Margery my wyff my house with the appurtenances that I dwell in duryng her lyff, and aftyr that I will John my sonne have it to hym and

hys heyres of hys body ; remainder to John Chapman and hys heyres for evermore, causyng xs. to be done in a trentall for my soule and all crysten soulis. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margery my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wytnes, sir Robert Litherlande ; John Daws ; Robert Draper ; Henry Chapman ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Burne, 7 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS PEPER [OF SPILSBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 319.]

29 November, 1531. I sir Thomas Peper of Spyllesby makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of sanct James in Spyllesby. To owr Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the reparacyons of the church of Spyllesby xxs. To the Coman lyght in Spillesby *xd*. To the Yongmens lyght *xd*. To the Maydyns lyght *xd*. To the mayster of the chauntre vjs. viij*d*. To every broder vjs. viij*d*. To Jane Lynlay vjs. viij*d*. To John Rycroft and Annas hys wyffe xiijs. iiij*d*. To John Crane of Bryngyll vjs. viij*d*. To Raythby to pore fowlkes xiiij*d*. To Hondylbe to pore fowlkes xiiij*d*. To Partnay to pore folkes xiiij*d*. To Hawlton to pore folkes xiiij*d*. To odor of Towntons to pore folkes xiiij*d*. To Estar Kell to pore folkes xiiij*d*. To Margyt Peper *xl*. [*folio 319d.*] in money and a spruse chyst and a pare cobyardes, [etc.]. To Elyzabeth Gudschep. To every servand in the howse iiij*d*. To Thomas Whyttyng and Elyzabeth hys wyffe vjs. viij*d*. I wyll have a trental song for me and all my gud fryndes in Spyllesby church. To Rychard Grase iiij*d*. [etc.]. To sant James alter an autar clouthe, and to the sepultur ij schetes of iij bredes. To the helpyng of my chambre xxs. I wyll have a fre ston to lay upon me whan I am buryed, lyk Robert Godrykes. The resydew of all my guddes I gyffe to mastar Francesse Stonar, whome I make myne executor for to dispose for the helth of my saull and for all my fryndes saulles and for all crysten soulles that God will have prayd for. Theis men beryng wytnes, sir James Halyday ; sir Thomas Arnold ; sir Thomas Smyth ; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 14 October, 1534.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SKEGNER [OF ADDLETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 269.]

2 December, 1531. I Richard Skegner of Adylthorpe makes this my testament. My body to be berred in the churche zerde off sant Nycolas off Adylthorpe. To owre Lady worke off Lincoln viij*d*. To the hye awter off Adylthorpe iiij*d*. To the Trynyte awter in the sade churche iiij*d*. To our Ladye aulter iiij*d*. To the rode in the sade churche iiij*d*. To the belles v*d*. To the iiij ordres of freres in Boston every order to have *vd*. a peysse. I wete to Agnes Freynd. To every on off my godchelder and my wyffes godchelder iiij*d*. a peyss. To Agnes my sester. To Jenet Emmand. To sir Wylliam Wylliamson *xxd*. I be wytt to Isabyll Spylsby j nawparron. The rest of my gudes unbewytt I bewytt to my chyllder Thomas, Olyue, and Aleys evyngly to be devydyd among thame ; and yff Thomas dy or he com att age I wytt the forsayd gudes to remane to my dowttres Olyve and Aleys ; and yff Olyue dy before sche com to age then I wyll the forsayd gudes to remane to Alys

my dowther ; and yff tha all dye than I wyll the gudes remane to the church warkes att the dysposycion of my ocapyes. I make Crystofer Skyegnes and Thomas Spylsby my executures, and Wylliam Skegnes my broder my oversear, tha to dyspose my gudes for the helthe of my sawle as tha thyngk best, and tha to haue for ther labor vs. a peysse. With thes wyttnes, sir William Wylliamson my gostly fader ; John Besowthyn ; John Wawpull ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 15 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BOTLER [VICAR OF TETNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 360d.]

3 December, 1531. I sir Richerd Butler, vicare of Tetney, makes my last will. My body to be buryed in the highe qwere off Tetney of s<sup>t</sup> Peter and Paule. I will have a crosse off copper and gilte with Mary and John bought, and a crosse clothe of sarsenet with Peter and Paule, the wich I gyff to the church of Tetney. To our mother church of Lincoln warkes xx*d*. To our Lady gilde of Tetney xij*d*. To the highe ways of Tetney xij*d*. To Thomas Petcher. To Isabell Taler, and to ether of her chylde. To Henry Taler. To Edward Butler my brother. To Jenet Teysdale and Thomas her sonne. To Agnes Smyth, and to every one of her chylde. To every one of my brother Edward childe. To William Came. I will that the house that was late Edward Fyschers be put in sewerty for to fynde fyve sergys before the sacrament, to be mayd as strong be my executor and supervisor as can be performyd of the same, and to burne at the sacryng of the high messe. I will that the resydue of the rent of the sayd house that is lefte besyde the reparacions shall be done an obbyt for me at my yerday, and evermore to continew. I will that one preste syng for me one yere. To everyone of my godchylde. To Marg' Butler. To sir Robert Blauncherde. To Isabell Halyngton. The resydue of my goodes I will that it be disposyd for the helthe of my soule be the syght of my executor and supervisor as they thynke best. I make Thomas [folio 361] Petcher my sole executor ; and m<sup>r</sup> Guy Came my supervisor, and to have for hys labor xxs. Wytnes, John Woode ; William Atkynson ; William Smyth ; Henry Taleyr ; Robert Blauncherde capellanus ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 6 January, 1531-2, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. HUGAN [OF WEST RASEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 278.]

4 December, 1531. I William Hugan of Westrasyn makes this my last will. My body to be buryd in the kyrke garthe of Westrasyn. To the parson of Westrasyn a flekyd oxe to pray for me. To Robert my sonne. To Margaret my daughter. To Richerd Hugan. To Hamond Hugan. To too childe of Richerd Hugans. To Robert Hugan a sarke, [etc.]. To West Rasyn kyrke vjs. viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Sunday light vjs. viij*d*. To Tofte kyrke xx*d*. To Newton kyrke xx*d*. To Kyrkby kyrke xx*d*. To every of my godchilde iiij*d*. I will ther be a trentall of messys sayd for my soule. I make my wyff and Robert my sone my executors, and sir Robert Smyth parson of the kyrke to be supervisor,



and to have for his labor vjs. viij*d*. Thes wytnes, sir William Raner ; Thomas Lammyng ; and John Bawdyng.

Proved before P., at Estrasyn, 20 April, 1532. Administration granted to the relict, power being reserved to grant to Robert the son, when he shall come to lawfull age.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. CHAPMAN [OF BILLINGBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 284*d*.]

7 December, 1531. I Thomas Chapman of Byllyngburgh seke in body make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of Bilylyngburgh, and to the high altare of Bilylyngburgh xij*d*. for tithys forgottyn, and to our Lady of Lincoln ij*d*. To my wyff the house that I dwell in duryng her lyff naturall aftyr the decease of my mother, and then I will that my doughter Agnes have it to her and her heyres for evermore. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff to bryng up my chyld, and otherwyse to dispose as she shall thynke best, whome I make my executrix. These being witness, sir Robert Litherland ; Robert Draper ; Henry Chapman ; with moy.

Proved before P., at Burne, 7 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. FERYS [OF SOUTH FERRIBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 286.]

7 December, 1531. I William Ferys off Southe Feryby do make my will and testament. My body to be buryed in the kyrkeyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Southeferby, wyth my mortuary as the custome requiryth. To the proctor of the prior of Thorneholme for tithes forgottyn iiij*d*. To the church warke of the sayd church halffe a quarter of barly. To the upholding of the bryg halffe a quarter barly. To the high altare of the cathedrall church of our Lady of Lincoln ij*d*. To the church warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Thomas Kyddall and Phylip Kyddall hys brother halffe a quarter barly. To Thomas my sonne. To Alice my doughter a namby [etc.]. To William Johnson wyff. [*folio* 286*d*.] To William Nebberde a stott of ij yeres olde. To Thomas Nebberde iijs. To sir John Crust iiij*d*. To sir Thomas Gryme iiij*d*. To sir George Bayn curate xij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff and Thomas my sonne, whome I make my executors ; and Agnes my wyff to have besyde hyr shyfte all vessell necessary for brewyng and bakyng, and to dispose it for the helthe of my soule. Thes wytnes, sir George Bayn curate ; Richerde Gryme ; William Nebberde ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Caster, 5 February, 1531-2, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BOTHBY [OF HONINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 282.]

9 December, 1531. I William Bothby of Honyngton, husbandman, makyth my testament. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Wylfryde of Honyngton. To the high altare off Honyngton iiij*d*. To the church of Honyngton a cove to the use and fyndyng of ij sergys to be lyghttyd on Sondays and haly days at the leuacion tyme in the sayd church. Also I will that ther be offeryd of All Soulys day for all

crysten soulys *ijd.*, and to the ryngers the same day *ijd.*, and that to be done of the renewyng of the sayd cove yerely so long as the stok of the sayd cove will indure. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *iiijd.* To Agnes Botheby my doughter. To William Bothby my sone. To William Botheby the yonger. To John Botheby my sonne. To Steven Sall. To Elizabeth Vpton my doughter. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose it for the helthe of my soule as sche thynkyth moste expedyent. Whytnes herof, syr Alexander Mannyng vicar ; Gyls Willesby ; Xp'ofer Nelforthe ; John Beuercotes ; William Dassyer ; Robert Beuercotes ; Magnus Johnson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 4 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HERDE [OF BILLINGHAY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 294*d.*]

9 December, 1531. I John Herde of Byllyngay the elder makes my will and last testament. My body to be buryed in the kyrke yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Byllyngay nexte my mother. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn *ijs.* To the mother kyrke of Lincoln *viiijd.* To the altare of our Lady of Lincoln *viiijd.* To the reparacions of Byllyngay kyrke *ijs. iiijd.* To the *iiij* houses of the frerys of Lincoln *xvj.* To a preste to syng *iiij* trentallys in Byllyngay kyrke for the helthe of my soule, my father soule, my mother soule, and all cristen soulys, and he to have for them *xxs.* To the prior of Catlay and his *ij* chanons *xvj.* To the priorisse, convent, and syster [*sic*] of Catley evynly to be devydyd among theym *ijs.* To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Walcot *viiij.* To Elizabeth my doughter. To John Herde my sonne. To every chylde of Robert Horsleys. To master vicare of Billyngay *ijs. iiij.* To every chylde of Robert Herdes. To every chylde of John Herdys. To Beatrix my wyff my house and ferme that I dwell in, and sche to have it the terme of hyr lyff withowtyn interrupcion ; and yff so be when she lyes at the mercy of allmyghtty God, then she shall assigne it to whome of my chylder as she thynkes most best to occupy it, aftyr this maner at she kepe her sole alone from mariage takyng. To John Herde my sonne my house with the close and purtenance to it belongyng as it lyes nexte the close of the lordes of the towne, callyd the Vicare close, the terme of my yeres. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix she to dispose it for the helthe of my soule. I make supervisors m<sup>r</sup> William Compton gentylman and John Hall baly of Kyme, and they shall have for ther labors, m<sup>r</sup> Compton *vs.*, and the other *xxd.* Thes wytnes, sir William Ludnam preste of Billyngay ; Walter Bate ; Thomas Gylberde ; William Spaldyng ; Robert Bate ; William Bysby ; John Muston.

Moreover this is my last mynde and will that my wyff Beatrix have to herselfe *ij* dayles callyd Dockedyke Fen dayles. For an obbyt kepyd yerely for my selffe other *ij* Dockedyke Fen dayles terme of the coppy callyd the indenture.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 15 March, 1531-2. Administration granted to the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SYMSON [OF ORBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 290.]

9 December, 1531. I Robert Symson of Orby makes my last will. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of All Halloys in Orby. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare of Orby for tithis forgottyn xx*d*. To the Trinite gylde of Orby xx*d*. To the batelment of Orby steple xs. I bequeth xxxiijs. iiij*d*. of the dettes that is to geder in to the kyrk of Orby to by a challys with. To the Gray frerys in Boston xij*d*. To the Augustyn frerys in Boston xij*d*. and to the other ij orders viij*d*. a pece. I will that Jenet my wyff have the gyrdell that I bought at London the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease to go to Margaret Kykkes my doughter, and she to gyff to Jenet Felde my doughter the halfe valewe of it, and aftyr the decease of Margaret Kykkes I will that Margaret her doughter have it. To my wyff all my housholde stuff, [etc.], her lyff to fynde the house with for her and my chylder the space of her lyff yff she lyff unmarried, and aftyr her dethe or at the day of marriage the houshold stuff to be devydyd in thre partes, one parte to my wyff, the second to my executors, the thurde to my chylder. To Richerd my sone. To Margaret Kykkes doughter to Robert Kykkes. I wit to Jenet Felde my doughter a cowe. To every one of my godchilder iiij*d*. I wit to Margaret Cut a scheduler burl yng and a scheduler lamme. To Agnes Cut my doughter. To Jenet Symson. To Jenet Felde a reben and a pare of bedes. To Jenet Dawson iijs. iiij*d*. To Robert Symson. To William Feldes. To Robert Kykkes. To Alyson Richerdson my doughter a blak arke. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt I put to the discrestion of Richerd Symson my sone and Robert Kykkes, whome I make my executors, they to dispose it for the helth of my soule and all cristen soulys to the most ples' of our Lord God, and to have ether of them for ther labor vjs. viij*d*. ; and sir Robert Snayth to be supervisor and to have for his labor vjs. viij*d*. Wytnes, Richerd Ballarde ; John Megson ; John Grenewyk ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 12 February, 1531-2, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD STONYS [OF KIRMOND LE MIRE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 341*d*.]

10 December, 1531. I Richerd Stonys of Kyrmounde do make my testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn of Kyrmounde. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn vjs. viij*d*. To the high altare of our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. To our Lady warke of the same viij*d*. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn one altare clothe. I will that I have a trentall of messys done for me and my frendes. To Anne my doughter. To William Westmerland my sonne in law. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Thomas my sonne, whome I make my executor for to dispose it to the ples' of God and to the helthe of my soule. Thes whytnesses, sir Robert Ganesburgh ; John Woode ; William Browne ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 15 May, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD GAUNT [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 334*d*.]

11 December, 1531, 23 Henry VIII. I Richard Gawnte makes and



ordens thys my laste will and testament. My body to be buryed in Boston church of s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe besyde the grave of my father, and I bequeth to my mortuary that that the lawe admyttys. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the orphans at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withowt Lincoln vj*d*. for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To my cosyn Jasper Hyckes my best gowne that was my fathers. To my cosyn Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Hyckes. To my cosyn Melchior Hyckes one mazer. To my cosyn Alice Raynoldes vj sylver sponys. To my cosyn William Paynter the yonger my marble gowne ffurryd with blak lamme, [etc.]. To my cosyn Jenet Paynter xxs. Also I will be brought furthe the day of buryall in our Lady gylde with all the prestes belongyng to the same gylde, and the ij parysh prestes, and the chaunter with all the quyndeners, and also all the prestes belongyng to all the gyldes that I am brother in, with all the iiij orders of frerys. And on my vij<sup>th</sup> day and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day then I will have all our Lady prestes, the ij parysh prestes, the chaunter and the quyndeners, s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne preste, and the Trinite preste. The resydue of my goodes not gyffyn nor bestowyd uppon my buryall day, vij day, and xxx<sup>ty</sup> day I gyff to Fredeswide Hyckes my cosyn, onely excepte ijs. iiij*d*. [folio 335] that I bequeth to sir Robert Wyter and one sherte clothe, he to pray for my soulys and all crysten soulys. I make my executrix Jenet Hyckes my syster. Thes men beryng whytnes, Gefferay Wase ; Thomas Sorisby ; William Paynter the elder ; and sir Robert Wyter ; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

ROBERT HAWLAYE [OF STANTON WADINGHAM].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 352.]

13 December, 1531. I Roberte Hawlaye, hole of mynd and seke in bodye, makes my will. My bodye to be beryed in the church yearde of s<sup>t</sup> Peters of Staynton Waddingham. For my mortuarye as the lawe requires. To the hye alter of s<sup>t</sup> Peters of [page 353] Waddingham ijs. To our Ladye worke of Lincoln' iiij*d*. To Roberte Yorke a fustian dublett and my best hose and a payre of bootes. To Richard Kinge one dublett of lether. To John Hawlle a lether jerkyne. The residewe of my goodes I will that Margrett my wyfe haue to bringe vpp my childer w<sup>th</sup> all, the w<sup>ch</sup> Margrett I make my executrix. I will that William Yorke be the superuisor, and he to haue for his labor a newe bonnett and a jerkyne. Thes beinge wittnes, Richard Teyche ; John Stodard ; William Androwe ; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved before L., 19 January, 1531-2, *in forma pauperis*.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WRAY [OF SAXBY ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 361.]

14 December, 1531. I John Wray of Saxby makyth my will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of All Halloys in Saxby. I witt to the high altare in Saxby church xij*d*. I witt to our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*., and to her warkes iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Isabell my wyff, whome I make my executrix for to dispose for the helthe of my soule and the bryngyng up of my chylder. Also I make William Wray of Saxby my naturall father to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, sir William Hogson and Anthony Williamson ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 9 January, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DYANE [OF TATHWELL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 275.]

16 December, 1531. I Robert Dyan of Tathwell make my will. My body to be buried in the churche yerde. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare of Tathwell viij*d*. To the vicar of the same one schepe to pray for me. To John Dian my sonne all thynges in my schop that is necessary for a smyth to occupy, [etc.]. To Jenet my doughter a spurs chyst, [etc.]. To Elizabeth my doughter on red chyst. The resydue of my goodes I gyff unto Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executor. Thes wytnesses, sir Robert Dyan; sir William Dyan; sir Robert Rouse; Robert Porter; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

## JOHN BOSWELL' [OF EPWORTH].

[STOW, 1531-56, p. 352.]

20 December, 1531. I John Boswell' of Epworthe make my testament. My bodye to be buried in the s<sup>t</sup> Katheryne queare in the parishe church of s<sup>t</sup> Andrewe in Epworthe, and for my mortuarye after the custome now beinge. To the hye alter in Epworthe churche xij*d*. To the workes of our Ladye of Lincoln' iiij*d*. To our Ladye of Pittie in the churche of Epworthe beforesaid iiij*d*. To Thomas Garland one marble coate. To John Garland one old taunye coate. To Adam Whitacars one taunye coate now beinge at Doncaster. To the church of Epworthe one coate of playte. To the wyfe of James Poste ijs. iiij*d*. To Alice Mosgrave my god daughter ij quyes. To the frears Minors in Doncaster one oxe. I will that the follay of the said oxe be destributed to pore people at my buryall. I will that one trentall of messes be said for my sowle and all christian sowles in the parishe church of s<sup>t</sup> Andrewe in Epworth, and the prest that saythe yt to haue therfore xs. The rest of my goodes not witt I frely geue to John Mangall' of Pollington w<sup>th</sup> in the parishe of Snaythe and to Ketheryne Nelstrobe my syster daughter, whome I make my executors. I ordeyne sir Thomas Thewe curate of Epworthe, Roberte Taillour, and Roberte Tankerslaye the supervisors. Thes men beinge wittnesses, William Sandforde; sir William Justus; John Faro; and Henrye Poste; w<sup>th</sup> other mooe.

Proved before L., at Lincoln, 18 January, 1531-2. Administration granted to the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HALL [OF CROFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 268*d*.]

20 December, 1531. I Robert Hall of the parysh of Crofte makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys in Crofte. To our Lady of Lincoln to her warkes iiij*d*. To the high altare in Crofte churche for tithys forgottyn iiij*d*. To ij other altares in the sayd churche iiij*d*. To Helene my wyff one mansion in Halton with x acres pastre and arabyll lande belongyng to the same for the terme of her lyff naturall, and then to be solde be the sight of Robert Symson, whome I make one of my executors, and I gyff hym for his labor iiij*s*.; and the money therof cumyng by the way of sale I will

it be equally devydyd emong my chyl dren, that is to say, Nicholes, William, Jenet, Matilda, and Alyson. And yff any of them dye or they cum at lauffull age, I will one of them be heyr to the other. I will that yff it please God that they sholde dy all or they cum to lauffull age, then I will that the money so takyn to be disposyd for my soule and all my good frendes soul ys be the discrestion of my executors Robert Symson and Helene Hall my wyff. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them hole to Helene Hall my wyff to bryng up my chyl dren, [etc.]. Thes wytnesses, syr Thomas Banester ; John Boner ; et aliis.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 15 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. ALYN [OF LONG BENNINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 293.]

22 December, 1531. I John Alyn of Long Benyngton, husbandman, makes my wyll and testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Swythune of Benyngton. To the high altare ijs. To ether of the other altares iiij*d*. To the churche vjs. viij*d*. To the cawsy iijs. iiij*d*. To the chapell of our Lady of Benyngton ijs. To the fen brig vj*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To Thomas Est of Newarke xl<sup>ty</sup> of the best shepe w<sup>t</sup> in my flock, and ij bullokes that ar at Darnthorpe, and a wayn. To Richerd Alyn my sone vj of the beste beastes that I haue and the best wayn or carte whether he will. To Elizabeth my wyff vj bestes nexte aftyr hym, and a wayn. To Margery my doughter after them to take vj bestes and a wayne, and when all thes are parted yff ther be any leyfte, then Thomas Est to haue other iij bestes to make hym a drawthe w<sup>t</sup> all. To euere churche that bundes off hus xij*d*. To my wyffe the best feder beyde and Richard my son the secund beyd, and Margere the therd. The resedew off my gudes to be partyd in thre, the furst part for me, the secund for my wyffe, the thyrde for Richard my son and Margere be twex them. I wyll that sir Thomas Alyn my son haue iij*d*. vjs. viij*d*. apon my part to pray for me, and Elizabeth my wyffe to haue the resedew of my part to remember me yerly with all. I wyll that Elesabeth my wyffe and Richard my son be doars for me to fulfyll this my wyll, and sir Thomas Alyn to be ouersear of the same wyll here in, euere on of them knowyng ther pertes sendre or from another. This wittnes, sir John Atkynson ; Thomas Robert the yonger ; Ricardus Alyn, the elder ; John Morlay ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 8 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE OUERAY [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 288*d*.]

22 December, 1531. I Alice Oueray, layt the wyff of William Oueray, of Conesby, make and orden thys my present testament. My body to be buried in the parysh churche off Conesby. To the high altare of the sayd churche for tithys and oblacions forgottyn xij*d*. To the reparacions of the bellys iijs. iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*., and a pare of beades gawdyd with corall. I gyff for my buryall in the same churche vjs. viij*d*. To the high altare of the churche of Conesby a towell and an altare clothe. To every altare in the sayd churche an altare clothe. To every gyldre of the sayd churche xij*d*. To John my



sonne a thraune chair, [etc.]. To Richerd and Agnes Dalby. To John Beche, Thomas Nursse, Alice Pullan, Mabell Proctor, Alice, [*folio* 289] Margaret, Jenet, and Isabell Beche, and Henry Fotherby. To John Beche wyff a pare of sylver hokys, a pare of bedes gaudyd with crystall, [etc.]. To Agnes Nurse. To every one of my godchylder iiij*d*. To sir William Porter. To my sonne sir Robert Kelsey x schepe, and he to have the sayd schepe and halffe the increse yff it please God that they lyff at any tyme when he cumys in to the cuntry, and they so to be kepte the space of vij yeres aftyr the date of thys testament. And yff he cum not within the sayd space of vij yeres, then I will that my executors sell them and dispose the money for my soule and all crysten soulys. Also I will that Thomas Nurse have the keypyng of them, and he to have the halffe increse of them. I will have a trentall done for me in Conesby churche and it may be performyd. Also I will have iiij dirigys that is to say one at my buryall, a nother at my seventh day, an nother at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day, a nother at my yere day. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Beche and Thomas Nurse, whome I make my executors that they may dispose for the helthe of my soule. Also I will that m<sup>r</sup> Rigge and Richerd Melton shall be supervisors, and I bequeth to other of them iij*s*. iiij*d*. Thes men beryng wytnes, sir William Vncle; sir William Porter; Richerd Melton; Robert Wylde; John Burton; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 28 June, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HOLFORTHE [OF BECKINGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 61.]

25 December, 1531. I John Holforthe of the parysh of Bekkyngham make my testament and my last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys of Bekkyngham. To the high altare of the same iiij*d*. To the bellys of the same churche v*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Elizabethe my cosyn a schepe hog. I will that my mare and my lede be disposyd as I have secretly chargyd my executors. To Thomas my sonne a cownter and a schaffyng basyn, [etc.]. The resydue of my goodes I will it be devydyd in iij partes equally, one to my selffe, a nother to my wyff, the thyrd to my chylder; which I make my executors John Holforthe preste, Thomas Holforthe. Thes wytnes, Roger Thomlynson prest; Thomas Pynder; John Berestow; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 14 December, 1532. Administration granted to sir John Holforthe, an executor, power being reserved to grant to Thomas Holforthe when he shall come, etc.

TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM REMY [OF FOSDYKE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 11*d*.]

27 December, 1531. I William Remy off Fossedyke in Algarkyrk, yoman, makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buried within the churche yerde of All Halloys of Fosdyke, with my mortuary to be payd after the lawe and statutes of the realme. To the high altare of Fosdyke iiij*d*. To every comptable light ther i*d*. To the warke of our mother churche of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the pore chyldren at

s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns ther ijd. To William Remy my sun [household goods], my rydyng knyffe, [etc.], at the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres ; and yff he dy before the sayd age, I will the said legacy be evenly devydyd betwyxt Catheryn and Isabell Remy my daughters at the age of xviii yeres ; and yff either of them dy before the sayd age, then it shall be disposyd by my executrix and supervisor for the helthe of my soule, my wyffes [*folio* 12] soulys, my chylder soulys, and all crysten soulys. To Catheryn my doughter at the age off xviii yeres [household goods] ; and yff she dy, then it shall remayn to William Remy my sun at the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres ; remainder to Isabell my doughter at the age of xviii yeres ; yff she die before the sayd age, then the legacy shall be disposyd by my executrix and my supervisor for the helthe of my soule, my wyffes soulys, my chylder soulys, and all crysten soulys. To Isabell Remy my doughter [household goods] at the age of xviii yeres ; and yff she dy, I will it remayn to Agnes my wyff. To Roger Garoke my wyffes sun. To Dorothe and Isabell Garoke. To Renolde Langrake and John Schell my servantes. To Nicholes Remy my brother. To Jenet my syster. To Agnes my wyff v stonglande lying in Gosberkyrke vj yeres immediatly aftyr my decesse ; and then I will it remayn to Catheryn my doughter and to her heyres of her body ; and yff she dy without heyres of her body, then I will the lande remayn to William Remy my sun, to hym and to hys heyres and assygnes. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and sir Stephyn Hethenes preste to be supervisor. Wytnes, sir Henry Rynger preste ; Simon Wylkynson ; and John Parker ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 11 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY SHERMAN [OF DENTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 282d.]

28 December, 1531. Henry Sherman of Denton, seke in the body, makyth my last will. My bonys to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Andro in Denton. To our Lady of Lincoln iiijd. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Androy viijd. To the bellys off Denton iiijd. To Elizabeth Inderwell. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff it to Alson Sherman my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wytnes herof, sir Richerde Wylson ; John Byshop ; William Woodrof ; Richerd Hecokxe ; Henry Howytson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 4 March, 1531-2.

TESTAMENT OF SIMON PORCHER [OF HOLBEACH].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 11.]

30 December, 1531. I Symon Porcher of Holbeche, though I be deceasyd and seke in body, make my testament and last will. Fyrst and before all thyng I commende my soule vnto Allmyghtty God through the gloriose intercession of the blessyd virgin and moder of mercy our Lady saynt Mary and all the holly citizens of heven, and my body to be buryed in the church yerde of All Halloys of Holbeche. To the high altare of the sayd church for my tithys forgottyn viijd., and to every altare within the sayd church ijd. To the cathedrall church of Lincoln ijd. To the faderles chylder at Lincoln ijd. To Jenet Holden. To

Walter Burton sun. To John Fletes sun. To Agnes Gauntes sun. To my fader one byrlyng. To my doughter Isabell xxvjs. viij*d.*, and yff she departe thys present lyff or that she cum to lafull age, then I will that her parte be solde and my executors to hyre one honeste preste immediatly aftyr hyr departyng, and the same preste to syng for her soule and my soule and all crysten soulys so long as all the sayd money will extende. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff and Isabell my doughter, whome I do make my executrices. I will that my foresayd fader shall be the supervisor, and for hys payn takyng vjs. viij*d.* And the buryall day of my body I will there shall be bestowyd for it xs., and at my vij<sup>th</sup> [day] vjs. viij*d.*, and at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day iijs. Wytnes herunto, syr Richerde Whykham preste; Hennry Pennet; Robert Jakson; and other mo.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng 10 April, 1532.

THOMAS MOLDE [OF WEST HALTON].

[STOW, 1531-56, *p.* 353.]

In the name of God so be yt, 31 December, 1531. I Thomas Molde of Westhalton, seeke in bodye and hole in mynde, make my will and testament. My body to be buried in the church yeard of s<sup>t</sup> Tetheldrede in Halton, and I bequeathe for my mortuarye as the lawe requirthe. To our Ladye of Lincoln' xij*d.* To the hye alter in Halton churche viij*d.* To the reparacions of Halton churche vs. To Thomas my sonne ij quarters barlye to be paid to him after the feast of s<sup>t</sup> Michaell next comminge. To my daughter Secellye halfe a quarter barlye to be paid after the forseyd feast of saynte Michaell'. The residewe of my goodes I geue to Agnes my wyfe and to Roberte Molde my sonne, whome I make myne executores, they to dispose for my sowle as they thinke moste conveniente and plesuer to allmightie God. Thes wittnes, sir Nicholas Leedes parsonne; sir Roberte Mote; Roberte Harryson; Roberte Hawys; cum aliis.

Proved before L., at Appulbie, 1 February, 1531-2.

TESTAMENT OF JOHN AUSTYN [OF LITTLE STEEPING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 392*d.*]

2 January, 1531-2<sup>1</sup>. I John Austyn off Lyttyll Stepyng makes my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Andro off Lyttyll Stepyng, and my mortuary aftyr the custome of the cuntre. To the anornamentes of our Lady altare at Lincoln xij*d.* To the highe altare of Lyttyll Stepyng xij*d.* To our Lady light in Stepyng churche v*d.* To s<sup>t</sup> John to s<sup>t</sup> Thomas and to s<sup>t</sup> Xp'ofer to euery chon off them ij*d.* To the makyng of the gret bell of Lyttyll Stepyng xxs. To the iiij orders off frerys in Boston to euery house iijs. iiij*d.*, x*d.* to the place, and xx*d.* to the conuent. To the bellys at Halton xv*d.*, and to the ryngthers iiij*d.* To Alyson my wyff iij kye, [etc.]. To Agnes my doughttter my best cupborde and my nexte best fallen table, [etc.]. To my sun sir Thomas my swanne marke and all the swannys that belongs to it, my best foldyn table, my best furryd gowne, and xxs. To my sun

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps a mistake for 1530-1.



William xlviijs. the whiche is in hys handes, [etc.]. To ichon of my chylder barnys one schepe. To Helene my doughter a yong qwy and xxs. I will that iij landes which I bought of John Copy of Halton be put in feoffys handes to kepe an obbyt yerely for me, my wyff, and all my chylder, for the terme of lxxx and xviiij yeres, and to fynde a prykkyt of waxe to the high altare, and to gyff to the preste for messe and dirige iiij*l.*, and to offer ij messe pennys, and to the ryngers iiij*l.* I gyff all my lande that I have in Halton and Stepyng to Alyson my wyff duryng her lyff yff so be that sche kepe her vnmaryed. And yff that sche be maryed agane I will sche haue xls. be yere clere and no lande. To Agnes my doughtter a house callyd Wryght house that William my sun wonnys in, whyth the pastre by it. Also I will that sche haue a lyttyll pastre callyd Foytyd pastre, and a pastre callyd Whatthyng by it. I will that William my sun haue the house and pastre that he dwellys in duryng hys mother lyff, he kepyng the house in repare. To William my sonne a pastre callyd Sowtttofte, and halff one acre lying in Gunholmes, and that I will he haue w<sup>t</sup> in a yere aftyr my decesse a acre longyng to it lying in the High Dales, and iij stong lying nexte Sturre Dyke. Also I will that William my sun haue all suche landes as Alyson my wyfe hath duryng her lyff aftyr the decesse off her excepte the house and the pastures that I have gyffyn to Agnes my doughter, the which house and pastres I have gyffyn to the forsayd Agnes to mary therwith her ij doughtters whose namys is Alice and Grace. I will that aftyr the decesse of William my sun that Robert hys sun haue the pastre in Halton felde and Whyttope garthe, and that at perteynyth to it; and yff the sayd Robert dye w<sup>t</sup> owt heyres off hys body lauffully begottyn then I will that Helene my doughter and Agnes my doughter haue it to them and ther heyres and ther assygners. The resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I putto Alyson my wyff and sir Thomas my sun, whome I make my executors, they to dispose it for my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnesses, Walter Kelsay; John Fowler; Robert Preston; William Havmunde; w<sup>t</sup> other mo.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 May, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. MITTCHELL [OF NORTH ELKINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 392.]

2 January, 1531-2. I William Mittchel of Northelkyngton, husbandman, makes my will. My body to be buryd within the paryshe churche of s<sup>t</sup> Helene in Northelkyngton. I gyff for brekyng of the grounde with in the sayd churche vs. of money and a quarter of barly, one halff to be payd in thys yere and the other halffe the nexte yere foloyng. To my eldest sonne John Mytchell my house with the purtenances buyldyd in Cestren gate in the paryshe of Louthe, to holde to hym and to hys heyres malys of hys body; and yff it happen the sayd John to decease without heyres males of hys body then I will my sayd house remayn to my other fyve sonnys, that is, John, John, Thomas, Robert, and William, every one of them singlerly aftyr others decesse, and to the heyres males of ther bodys; remainder to the nexte of my blode. I will that all my goodes bothe within the house and without be devydyd in thre partes, fyrst parte to me parte to be disposyd for my soule helthe, the second parte to Agnes my wyff, and the thyrde parte to be devydyd evenly

among all my chyldren. I bequethe of my parte to my sun Robert xx<sup>ty</sup> schepe; to my sun William xx<sup>ty</sup> schepe; to my doughtter Isabell xx<sup>ty</sup> schepe; to my doughtter Jenet ij schepe; to my daughter Margaret one schepe; to my sun Thomas one schepe; to my godsun John Birin ij schepe; to my sun William; [*folio 392d.*] to my daughter Isabell; to my daughter Alyson; to sir Thomas Spaldyng vicar; to my eldest sonne John; to John my secund sun; to John my thyrde sun; to my goddoughtter Helene Tawx iiij*d.*; to our Ladys warke in the monastery Lincoln of Lincoln [*sic*] iiij*d.*; to the churche of Southelkyngton ijs.; to the churche of Fotherby ijs. I will that the resydue off my goodes not disposyd nor bequethyd be evynly devydyd emong all my chyldren. [If any of them] decease before age of mariage, I will ther parte or partes be evenly devydyd emong them that lyffys. I will my eldest sonne John and Thomas Tawx be my executors, and Thomas Tawx shall have ijs. iiij*d.* for hys labor. I desyre sir Thomas Spaldyng vicar to be supervisor. Thes wytnesses, sir Thomas Spaldyng vicar; John Benkes; Philip Cowper; Thomas Tawx; Thomas Still; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 February, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET SMYTH [OF GAYTON IN THE MARSH].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 271.]

5 January, 1531-2. I Margaret Smyth of Gatton in the Marche, wydo woman, make orden and dispose thys my present testament conteynyng therein my last will. My body to be buryed in the churche of Gatton, and for my berelay in the churche I gyff vnto the payntyng of the sepulcre vjs. viij*d.* To the sacramente of the same churche of Gatton vj*d.* To the high altare of the same a lynnyn schete with a blak sylke seame. To our Lady gylde iiij*d.* To st George gylde iiij*d.* I wytt and bequest vnto sir John Red my gostly father a trentall of messys for my soule and for my frendes as he can conueniently cum to say them, and for hys labor xs. To Thedilthorpe churche wich is of st Helene a cowe, for the wiche I will ther be founde a light yerly afore our Lady in the same churche. To Mawd Drax my doughter. To Jenet my doughter. To Elizabeth my doughter, and to ether of her chylder. To Agnes and Mawde my daughters. To sir John Red. To iiij godchylder iiij grottes. I gyff to be disposyd at the day of my berelay xs. To Agnes Drope. I will that John Bust and Rawff Drax be my executors, and to have for ther labors ether of them vs. The reste of my goodes not wyt to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule. I will that sir William Whyte and Richerd Drope be my supervisors. Thes wytnes, sir William Hunt; sir John Red; Xp'ofor Bicrofte; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS GOOSE [OF EAST KIRKBY].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 391.]

7 January, 1531-2. I Thomas Goose of Estkyrkby makes my last testament. My body to be buryd in the churche of st Nicholes of Kyrkby foresayd. To our Ladys warke of Lincoln vj*d.* To the parysh altare off Kyrkby xij*d.* To the churche warke ther vjs. viij*d.* To the reparacions of our Lady altare ther vj*d.* To Jeshus altare ther iiij*d.*

To the reparacion of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne altare iiij*d*. To the bellys ther ijs. To bying of one hersse clothe ther xs. To the sayd Kyrkby churchē one pare of senssers. To our Lady light ther xx*d*. To saynt Catheryns gyldē ther one weder. To All Halloy light ther xx*d*. To a secular preste to pray for my soule all my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys by the space of ij yerēs xl. To the churchewardons of Kyrkby ij ky for ever, that is to say for the mayntenynge and repayryng of the high ways within the parysh of Kyrkby, wher they and the paryshoners shall thynke it moste nede to be mayd. To my executors or ther assygnēs for one obit to be keptyd yerly in Kyrkby churchē at my yere day by the space of xx<sup>ty</sup> yerēs nexte aftyr my decesse vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*., that is to say yerely vjs. viij*d*., wherof shall be payd to the curat iiij*d*., and one messe peny to every other preste ther iiij*d*., to the parysh clerke ij*d*., to every other clerke that synges j*d*., to the ryngers iiij*d*. And that that dothe remayne of the sayd vjs. viij*d*. I will it be gyffyn to pore people of Kyrkby in almys to pray for my soule, my wyffes soulys Sibill and Agnes, my father and my mother John and Alice, my doughters Jane and Helioner, Thomas Scamon, and all crysten soulys. And aftyr thys maner I will it be done yerely by the space of the sayd xx<sup>ty</sup> yerēs, I will that my executors cause a dirige to be sung for me and peny dole for as many as cumys at the day of my buryall; I will that my executors gyff att my seventh day xs. for dirige and in almys, and at my xxx<sup>ty</sup> day as myche. To iiij men that bearys my body to the churchē every one of them iiij*d*.; to ij pore folkes for prayng for my soule ij gownys. To our Lady chauntre of Kyrkby forsayd to be prayd for ever one cownter and my gret spyt. I will that the abbot of Revesby have to pray for me xx*d*., and every monke ther iiij*d*. To every one of my godchyltern dwellyng within [*folio 391d.*] Kyrkby xij*d*. To Robert Adlarde and to hys wyff one sylke rybbyn. To Anne Barryt my goddoughtter vjs. viij*d*., [etc.]. To Margery Rawlet xiijs. iiij*d*. To Anne Bate. To Margaret Swete xxs. To Dorothe Atwell xxs. which is in her father handes John Atwell. To Martyn Barret hys wyff and every one of hys chyl dren iiij*d*. To Margaret Parhoo vjs. viij*d*. To Catheryne Chester iijs. iiij*d*. To Helene Chester my servant her hole yere wagys. To Thomas Doly xij*d*. To the churchē warke of Hagneby iijs. iiij*d*. To Mynyngesby churchē warke ijs. My will is that all men schall know that I have solde all my landes and tenementes that I have in Lincoln schyre to Thomas Gyldon to have to hym and to hys heyres in fee for the somme of xl*l*. sterlyng to be payd in maner and forme foloyng, at the feste of All Saintes nexte aftyr the callyng of the sayd Thomas Goose to his mercy owt of thys present worlde xx<sup>ty</sup> markes to my executors or ther assygners, and so at the feste of All Saintes nexte yere foloyng other xx<sup>ty</sup> markes, and also at the sayd feste of All Saintes nexte yere foloyng aftyr that other xx<sup>ty</sup> markes; not withstanding I will that my feoffers to stande and be seasyd off and in all the premises to my use duryng my lyffe, and aftyr my decesse to the use of the sayd Thomas Gyldon and to hys heyres in fee. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to sir Robert Wryght and sir Richerde Salter, whome I make my executors for to dispose them w<sup>t</sup> in the parysh of Kyrkby as they shall thynke best for my soule my frendes soulys, and all crysten soulys. Thes beyng wytnesses, sir John Parcar vicar; William Yrland; Walter Hamonde; Thomas Vncle elder; Robert Heed junior;



and Robert Castill of Kyrkby ; with other mo. I make Thomas Gyldon swyre supervisor.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 January, 1531-2. Administration granted to sir Richard Salter, power being reserved to grant to sir Robert Wryght.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD PASMER [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 335*d*.]

10 January, 1531-2. I Richerd Pasmere off Sutterton makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the holy churchyerde of our blessyd Lady of Sutterton. To the high altare of our blessyd Lady for tithys negligently forgottyn *iiijd*. To our Lady of Sutterton, callyd our Whyte Lady *ijd*. To the Plough light of Sotterton *ijd*. To our mother church of Lincoln *iiijd*. To Emot my wyffe. To Thomas my sonne. To Catheryne my daughter. To George my sonne. To William my sonne. I surrendre into the handes of William Bogge of Sutterton my mansion in the whiche I dwell and all the landes that I do holde be coppye of my lord the abbot and the convent of Croyland. I will that the sayd Wylliam Bogge at the next lette holden Dowdecke hall do make surrender of the sayd manssyon and landes to Thomas Passemere my sone aftyr the custome of the lordschip and tenor of the sayd landes. I will that Emot my wyff have her wonyng in the mansion and the rent of the landes holden by copy of my lorde and convent of Croylande the space of vij yeres nexte together foloyng the date herof, acquietyng and payng all rentes and charges belongyng to the sayd mansion and landes, towarde the noryshyng, fyndyng, and bryngyng up of my chylder. I will that wyth parcell of the resydue of my other goodes not bequethyd that Emote my wyff, whome I make my executrix, bring me forthe, [etc.], to the pleasynge off God and helthe to my soule. I will when my body is brought forthe, my dettes payd, and thys my wyll fullyllyd by the oversight of William Bogge, whome I make supervisor, all the resydue of my goodes to be evenly devydyd emong my chylder by even porcions. And yff [*folio* 336] it fortune any of my chylder to dye before the age of xvij yeres, [etc.]. Thes whytnes, Thomas Hulton gentleman ; Roger Bussy ; Richard Bennacle ; William Passemere ; William Sewell ; and Thomas Thonerde ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF MICHAELL SMYTH [OF ULCEBY BY ALFORD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 270*d*.]

10 January, 1531-2. I Michel Smyth off Vlceby makyth this my last will and testament. My body to be buryed within the church yerde off All Halloys in Vlceby. To our Lady of Lincoln *iiijd*. To the high altare of Vlceby *viiijd*. To the church warke of the same *iijs. iiijd*. To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Kettisby *iiijd*. To our Lady of Walsyngham *iiijd*. To the good roode of Boston *iiijd*. To John, Robert, George, William and Richerd my sonnes. To Alson my daughter a cowe, [etc.], to be delyveryd her at her mariage. To Jenet, Margaret, and Elizabeth my daughters. I will that a trentall be done for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soullys. To Margaret my wyff my lyttyll house in Vlceby with the closys to the felde syde as the banke lyeth, with the lyttyll close be

syde m<sup>r</sup> Rygges grounde, with vj acres lande in other felde, duryng the terme of her lyff; also all my housyng, closyng, and landes within the lordschip of Vlceby and Forthyington with ther appurtenances for the terme of iiij yerres. And yff it fortune that John my sonne and here decesse within the sayd iiij yerres, then I will that Margaret my wyff have the sayd landes till suche tyme as my heres cum to lauffull age, and I will that she leve the sayd landes in sufficient repaire at the ende of her yerres. All the resydue of my goodes not wytt nor gyffen I gyff to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for the well of my soule. To William my brother ij acres lande in Forthyington felde for the space of one yere, and he to be supervisor. Wytnesses, sir Thomas Hawlkysworth; Jamys Scherpe; and John Dande; with many mo.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.

TESTAMENT OF RICHARD ALCOKE [OF CLAYPOLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 371.]

12 January, 1531-2. I Richerd Alcoke of Clapole makes and ordens my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of the holy appostellys Peter and Paul in Claypole. To the high altare of Claypole for tythys forgotten vjd. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiijd. To the cawsy of Clapole iiijd. To Alyson my doughter iiijl., and her mother to haue the kepyng therof ij yere, and aftywarde her mother for to delyuer vnto her suche good as she may the best spare at the request of her brother and William Parker and John Alcok. To William Alcoke, Gylbert Alcoke, and John Alcoke my sonnys my tofte in Farneton with all the purtenances and the commodities that belonges therto. To the church warke off Clapole xijd. To Stubton churche iiijd. To William my sone my best russtyt gowne and my best doblet. To Gylbert my sone a yowe hogge. To Agnes Copeland half a quarter barly. To John my sone a wether hog. To John Alcok sone of William Alcoke a bushyll barly. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my trewe executrix, she for to dispose them as she thynkes best for the helthe of my soule. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Hertlay; Thomas Pulle; Richerd Clerke; and many moy. I will that William Alcok and Richerd my sonys be supervisors.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 29 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CARTER [OF GRANTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 283d.]

12 January, 1531-2. I John Carter of Grantham make my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Wolfran in Grantham. To the blessyd sacrament viijd. To our Lady of Lincoln viijd. All the resydue of my goodes I gyff them fully to my sonnys Henry Carter and Jamys Carter, whome I make my executors to bring me to the grounde with them, [etc.]; and the rest of the sayd goodes to be distributyd as they thynke best for the helthe of my soule. Thes beryng whytnes, sir Thomas Newton; Thomas Preston; William Houchynson; with moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 4 March, 1531-2.

## THE TESTAMENT OF EDMUND PERCY [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 67d.]

16 January, 1531-2. I Edmunde Percy of Sutterton makes my testament concluding therin my last will. My body to be buryed in the holy church yerde of our blessyd Lady of Sutterton, and my mortuary aftyr the statutes newly orderyd by the parliament of our soverayn lorde kyng [Henry<sup>1</sup>] the eight, in the xxj yere of hys reigne. To the high altare of our blessyd Lady of Sutterton for tithys negligently forgottyn iiij*d*. To the hononament of every altare within the same churche ij*d*. To every [*folio* 68] light comptable within the same churche ij*d*. To our mother churche of Lincoln ij*d*. To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns without the wallys of Lincoln ij*d*. To Catheryne my wyf iiij mylke kye of the best, ij marys of the best. To William my sonne ij maryes, one stag, and one burl yng. To John my sonne one burl yng and vj schepe. To Thomas my sonne one burl yng and iiij schepe. To Agnes my doughter one cove with her calffe. To William Penson my godsun one calffe to be delyveryd at Mayday. To Catheryne my wyff my mansion with ij acres lande therto belongyng the terme of her lyff naturall, provydyd that she nothe<sup>r</sup> to make strype nor waste, nor make no remove of the horsemylne theron standyng, and aftyr her decesse I gyff the sayd mansion with the ij acres grounde to William my sonne and to the heyres of hys body lafully begottyn, and yff it fortune him to decesse with owt such heyres, then I gyff the premises to John and Thomas my sonnys evenly to be devydyd and to ther heyres of ther bodys, remainder to Isabell and Agnes my doughtters and to the heyres of ther bodys. To Catheryne my wyff ij acres grounde callyd Jossone garthe the space of viij yeres nexte foloyng the date heroff, and then I gyff the sayd ij acres to John and Thomas my sonnys in fee symple, provydyd when it shall be thought expedyent and profitable to Catheryne my wyff within the terme of the sayd viij yeres I will the sayd Catheryne to fell and sell the wood and tymber growyng off and uppon the sayd ij acres by the best price she can, and the money therof takyn I will be devydyd betwene Katheryne [*folio* 68d.] my wyff, William, John, and Thomas my sonnys in equall porcions; and I will that the fencer and clawser of the stowin be takyn of the hole somme that it is solde for. To John and Thomas my sonnys one jake, one salet, one gorgeyt, a pare of splyntes, one byll, one knyff, and one bukler evenly to be devydyd betwne them. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff and put to the disposicion of Catheryne Percy my wyff, whome I orden and make to be my executrix to bring me furthe as she shall thinke best to plesse God for the most helthe and proffyt for my soule and for all xp'en soulys by the oversyght of William Percy of Spaldyng, whome I make supervisor, to whome I gyff for hys labor and besynes vs. sterlyng. Thes wytnes, sir Richerd Wade parysh preste; Roger Booso of Sutterton; John Thomison; and Richerd Thomsone of Algargyrke.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 October, 1532.

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<sup>1</sup> Omitted.



## TESTAMENT OF ROBERT AYER [OF TOFT GRANGE IN THE PARISH OF KIRKBY ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 15.]

18 January, 1531-2. I Robert Ayer off toft graunge withyn the paryche off Kyrkby super Bayn, yoman, mayke thys my last wyll. My body to be buryed in the monastery off our lady in Reuysby. To our mother chyrche warkes off Lincoln xij*d*. To the hye awter off Kyrkeby xij*d*. To the fyndyng of a serge before the crucifyx ijs. To Knayth church*e* iijs. iiij*d*. To John Ayr my sone. To Annas my dozhter. To Margaret my dozhter. To my lord and convent off Reuesby xs. to do a trentall off massis for the helth off my sowle. To Agnes Aylen [*sic*] a quee. To John Overbury. I will that Jenett my wyffe haue my howse at Marum with all that belongyth thereto whych ys in the holdyng off Thomas Adam roper for the terme off hyr lyffe, and after hyr decesse I wyll that John my sone haue hytt to hym and to hys heres off hys body, and yff he dye withowt seche heres, then I wyll that Xp'ofer my sone haue ytt to hym and to hys heres off hys body ; remainder to Robert my sone to hym and to hys heres off hys body ; remainder to Agnes and Margarytt my doghters and there heres. To Xp'ofer my sone a howse in Marum with all that belongyth thereto whyche ys in the holdyng off Thomas Lawson, to hym and to hys heres off hys body ; remainder to John my sone, to hym and to hys heres off hys body ; remainder to Robert my sone to hym and to hys heres of hys body ; remainder to Agnes and Margaret my doghters to them and to their heres. To Robert my sone a howse in Marum whyche ys in the holdyng of John Wryght, when he shall cum to lawfull age, and tyll that tyme I wyll that Ezabell Elwold my syster have yt, and yff the sayd Robert dye withote heres off hys body then I wyl that John my sone have yt to hym and to hys heres off body ; remainder to Xp'ofer my sone to hym and to hys heres off hys body ; remainder to Agnes and Margaret my dowghters. I wyll that my howse att Stykney be sold after the mynd off my lord off Revesby, and my executors have the mony to be devydyd betwyxe Jenet my whyffe and John Mawe hyr brother. The resedewe off my guddes I gyffe them to Jenett my whyff, Cutbert Ayere and John Ayere my sonnes, whom I mayke my executors to dispose for the helthe of my sowle. I wyll that my lord off Revesbe be supervisar. To sir John Robinson. Also I wyll that Jenett my wyffe have the rent off the howse off Xp'ofer Ayere tyll he cum att lawfall age. Thes beyng wyttnes, m<sup>r</sup> Vmfray Myssenden ; sir John Robinson pryst ; and Robert Aleyne ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 16 May, 1532, by the executors.

## THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS SMYTH [OF THORGANBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 287.]

18 January, 1531-2. I Nicholes Smyth of Thurganby makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church*e* yerde of All Halloys in Thurganby. To the high altare of Thurganby xij*d*. To our Lady off Lincoln viij*d*. To our Lady warke iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Hugh hede iiij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Romans ij*d*. To the kyrke of Thurganby vjs. viij*d*. to fynde a serge of a pounce wax to burne at the leuacion tyme of the messe afore the sacrament in the quere. To the same kyrk of Thurganby a quarter

barly. To the churche of Swynhope a quarter berly. To the chapell bryg off Thurganby xvjd. To the chapell of the same viijd. To the sepulcre light in Thurganby xijd. To the nonnys of Irforth, to my lady priorisse viijd., and to every nonne off the same place iiijd. To the chanon of the same place iiijd. To Croxby kyrke viijd. To Hatclyff kyrke viijd. To Westrandall kyrke vjd. To Woldenewton kyrke vjd. To my mother xiijs. iiijd. To Margaret my syster iijs. iiijd. To Helene my syster iijs. iiijd. To sir Robert Gelle xs. to pray for me. To William Gunderby my vnkyl xvjs. which he ought me. To John my brother. To everyone of my god chylder. To Emme my syster daughter. To Alyson my syster daughter. To John my syster sonne. To Robert William and Margaret my syster chylder. To William Gunderby my vnkyl sone. To Robert Androy a sleveles cote of tawny. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to William Beche my brother in lawe, whome I make my executor to dispose for my soule. Thes recorde, sir Robert Gell; Thomas Stevenson; and Henry Whyte; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 9 February, 1531-2, by the executor.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JENITE GRENE [OF WRANGLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 332.]

19 January, 1531-2. I Jenet Grene of Wrangle makes thys my last will and testament. [*folio 332d.*] My body to be buryed within the church yerde of Wrangle be my husbande. To our Lady of Lincoln viijd. To our Lady gyld of Wrangle iiijd. To John Whyetney, William Whyetney, Thomas Wasteler, and Agnes Wastleyr, schepe, [etc.] I will my other schepe be solde be my executors whome I make John Whyetney and Grace Grene, and the money of the sayd schepe be disposyd in warkes of charite for my soule and all crysten soullys upon the day of my buryall, vij day, and xxx day. The resydue of my goodes I will remayn to Grace Grene for to pray for my soule for evermore. Thyes beyng wytnesses, Leonerd Bawdry; John Clymson; John Hatson; Richerd Gray; William Stevenson the yonger; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532. Administration granted to Grace Grene, the executrix, she being sworn in the presence of John Whyetney, the co-executor, who refused to take upon himself the burden of execution.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HARDE [OF BILLINGHAY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 294.]

20 January, 1531-2. I Thomas Herde of Byllyngay makes my testament and last wyll. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Androy the appostell off Byllyngay. To the high altare in the churche of Byllyngay for tithys forgottyn ijs. To the reparacion of our mother churche in Lincoln xijd. To the high altare of our Lady of Lincoln xijd. To the chanons and nonnys of Catlay iijs. iiijd. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln iiijjs. I will that v messys of the v woundes of our Saviour Crist Jhesu be celebrat and song in the churche of Byllyngay for my soule helthe. To the reparacions of the bellys of Byllyngay iijs. iiijd. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix, she for to dispose for my soule helthe. To every god chylde

that I have within the parysh of Byllyngay *iiij*d. I make John Herde of Byllyngay the supervisor, and to have for hys labor *vjs. viij*d. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Lytster vicar of Byllyngay ; William Williamson ; Walter Bate ; Robert Dykynson ; William Hall ; Thomas Gylberde ; and John Gladwyn.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 9 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WOWSSE [OF ASLACKBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 284*d.*]

20 January, 1531-2. I Robert Wowsse makes my last will. My obdy to be buryed in the kyrke yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Aslakby. I wyt to the high altare *xij*d. To the kyrke warkes *xij*d. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys one pounce of wax. I wyt to our Lady halffe a pounce of wax. I wyt to our Lady of Lincoln *iiij*d. I wyt Edwarde my sonne one fely stag, [etc.]. To Elizabeth and Johan my daughters. I make my wyff my executor to dispose for the helthe of my soule and bryngyng up of my chyldren. Wytnes herof, William Barber ; John Browne ; William Cron ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Burne, 7 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BENACLE [OF SWYNESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 333.]

23 January, 1531-2. I Richerd Benacle off Swyneshed make my testament concernyng my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady in Swyneshed. To the high altare ther for tithys forgottyn *iiij*d. To every altare in the sayd churche *ij*d. To the church warke ther *iiij*d. To our Lady warke of Lincoln *ij*d. To the fatherles chyldren of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns nygh Lincoln *j*d. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alice my wyff, my dettes payd, whome I make my executrix, she to bring up my chyldren and to dispose for the welthe of my soule as she thynkes best. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Garton vicar ; John Obson ; Richerde Sherpe ; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. KNYGHT [OF SWYNESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 332*d.*]

23 January, 1531-2. I Thomas Knyght of Swyneshed make my testament concernyng my last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady in Swyneshed. To the altare ther for tithys forgottyn *xij*d. To every altare in the sayd churche *iiij*d. To the church warke ther *iijs. iiij*d. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *vij*d. To the fatherles chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *vij*d. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the disposicion of Richerde Barlyman my father in law, he to gyff and dispose them as he thynkes best. Thes whytnes, sir Thomas Garton vicar ; Thomas Dykonson ; Richerd Sherpe ; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.



## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SHERPE [OF BARROWBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 45.]

23 January, 1531-2. I Robert Sherpe off Barughby, husbandman, seke the body, hole the mynde, do make my will and testament. My body to be buryed within the church of All Saintes in Barughby. To the highe altare in the same church for tithys forgottyn ijs. Also unto the parson of the same church in recompence of my mortuary and dischargeyng of my conscience vs. I will have at my buryall dirige with note, and to be delte unto all people ther beyng halpeny bred. To the red arke in the cathedrall church of our blessyd Lady in Lincoln xij*d*. To the reparacions of the church of Barughby iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Harlaxton church xv*d*. To Gunwerby church viij*d*. To the frerys off Grantham xs. for a trentall of messys. To every one of my godchylder beyng within the space of vij mylys of Barughby a schepe hogge. To the reparacions of the high way abowte the towne and the lordschip of Barughby xij*d*. To Jenet Harnolde of Harlaxton. To Agnes Addam my syster one of my balde feles. [*folio 45d.*] To Thomas Huitson. To Jenet Huytson. To Robert Huytson my godsone. To Isabell Hunton my servant. To Elizabeth and Alice my daughters. To Crystyne Ameyrys. To the mayntenaunce of our Lady light in the church of Barughby a yowe schepe. To Henry Scherpe. To John my servant. To Isabell Robson. To every cotcher in Barughby that goys not with a plugh a pecke of malte. To Walter Hornoll. To Robert Adam of Harlaxstone. I will that all my housholde stuff be devydyd indifferently emonges my iiij daughters, and the sayd daughters and ther partes to be at the puttyng and gydyng of John Harnolde off Harlaxstone and Thomas Harberde of Barughby untill they be of xiiij yeres of age, and then I will ther stuff be delyveryd unto them. And yff any of them departe owt of thys worlde afore they come to the sayd age, then I will ther parte remayn unto the other, and so from one to another. And yff they all departe thys worlde or they come to the sayd yeres, then I will it be devydyd betwyxte my ij systers. I will that my executors shall sell my lande to the performyng of my will and to pay my dettes, and the overplus off the money to be devydyd indifferently emonges my iiij daughters; and the resydue of all my goodes be indifferently devydyd by evyn porcions emonges my iiij daughters; and the sayd daughters with ther partes to be at the governyng and puttyng of John Harnolde of Harlaxstone and Thomas Harberd of Barughby untill they be off xiiij yeres off age. And when they do cum to the sayd yeres I will they have ther partes delyveryd unto them. And yff it fortune that any of them departe owt of thys worlde afore they do cum to the age aforesayd, then I will that parte remayn unto the other of my daughters, [*folio 46*] and yff they all departe, then I will the sayd goodes be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys at the discrecion of John Harnolde and Thomas Harbarde with the counsell of sir William Meyson my gostly father. I orden John Harnolde and Thomas Habarde [*sic*] my executors, and ether of them to have for ther labor v*s*. viij*d*., and sir William Meyson my gostly father to be supervisor, and to have for hys labor iij*s*. iiij*d*. Thes beyng wytnes, Walter Harnolde of Barughby; Robert Smyth of the same towne; with certen other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 11 July, 1532. Administration granted to John Harnolde power being reserved to grant to Thomas Harbarde.

## THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE SCREVENER [OF GREAT LIMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 286.]

24 January, 1531-2. I George Screvener of Lymburgh Magna do make my will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Peter of Lymburgh Magna, with my mortuary as the lawe requyrith. To the high altare in the sayd churche xij*d*. To the anorning of the sacrament v*d*. To the high altare of our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the churchwarke of our Lady of Lincoln v*d*. To the gilde of s<sup>t</sup> Thomas in Lymburgh halff a quarter of barley. To every one of my godchylder iiij*d*. To one prest one quarter sowde to syng for my soule. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Jennet Screvener my wyff, whome I make my executor to dispose to the helthe off my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Jonson ; Nicholes Screvyn ; and Richerd Sargeand ; with other moy.

Proved at Castre, 5 February, 1531-2. Administration granted to the executrix.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ANDREW SHALLOK [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 207.]

25 January, 1531-2. I Andro Shallok off Boston, draper, make my testament and last wyll. My body to be buryed within the churche off sanct Botulphe in Boston. To my mortuary that the law requerythe To the hyght alter in Boston for tythes forgootton xij*d*. To our mother chyrche off Lincoln xij*d*. To the orphans att saynt Kateryns without the barres att Lincoln xij*d*. To the hyght altar in Conysby xij*d*. To Jamys Shalok my brother and hys chylder sevyn poundes equally to be devydyd emonges them. To the same Jamys my tawny gowne furyd with blak lame, a dublett, a jakett, and a peyre off hosse. To Alson Goodhusband my syster asmuche blak clothe as wyll make her a gowne, and a kyrtyll off worsted whyche was my wyfys, or else asmuche new clothe as wyll make her a kertyll. To Alan Kele beydman and Robert hys brother ether off them a jakett and a peyre off hose. To Marion Hogeson a gowne of my wyfys, or else asmuche clothe as wyll make her a gowne. To sir Wylliam Shalok my brother son xxs. The resydew off my guddes and catell no [*sic*] geven nor bequethed, and also my copy hold renttes, I geve them to Wylliam Tomlinson off Boston mercer, he to receve my dettes and pay my dettes and bryng me furthe, whom I doo make my sole executor. I wyll that Jamys my brother be supervisor of thys my testament and last wyll yff it plays hym. These beyng wyttnes, sir Thomas Cercy preyst ; Rychard Wace ; Wylliam Bolles ; and Nycholas Blewett ; with other ; the daie and yere above wryttyn.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 15 December, 1533.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CHERYNGTON [OF DONINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 91*d*.]

1 February, 1531-2. I Robert Cheryngton of Donyngton in Hollande make my testament and last will. My body to be buryd within the church yerde of Donyngton. To the high altare of Donyngton for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To every altare with in the same churche iiij*d*. To every light that standes abowt my herce abowt my buryall day j*d*.

To our Ladys altare at Lincoln xij*d*. To the fatherles chyldren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns iiij*d*. To Alice Cheryngton my daughter ij kye. To Margaret Cheryngton my daughter ij kye. To Robert Dawsson my godchylde. I will that Alice and Margaret my doughttters have ther kye, at the age of xvj yerres ; and yff other off them dye or that they cum to the age of xvj yerres, then I will that ether of them be other heyres ; and they dy bothe or that they cum to that age, then I will that Jelyan Cherynton my wyff have them to do with them as she thynkes best. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Jelyan my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes beyng wytnes, Henry Fell ; William Foster ; Thomas Tare ; William Cheryngton ; John Garby ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Donyngton, 18 February, 1532-3.

THE TESTAMENT OF PARNELL COOKE [OF DRY DODDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 290*d*.]

3 February, 1531-2. I Parnell Cooke of Dodyngton, wydoy, make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys of Westburgh. I bequeth my best beaste to my curate for tithis forgottyn. To the church of Westburgh ijs. iiij*d*. To the high altare of Westburgh xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the chapell of Dodyngton ijs. iiij*d*. To the repayryng of Dodyngton bryges xij*d*. To the new cawsy at Westburgh vjs. viij*d*. To the frerys Observantes of Newarke xs. To the church of Benyngton iiij*d*. To the church of Clapole iiij*d*. To the church of Stubton iiij*d*. To the church of Hough iiij*d*. To the chapell of Gelston iiij*d*. To the church of Hougham iiij*d*. To the frerys of Lincoln of the iiij orders to every one of them iiij*d*. To the frerys of Grantham. To Thomas Freman of Lincoln and to his wyff. To Robert Freman. To William [*folio* 291] Johnson and his wyff. To Richerd, John, and Alice Cooke. To Richerd Lyster my servant. To Agnes Clerke. To Jenet Alen my servant. To William Sclatour. To Hugh Clerke the sonne of Thomas Clerke. To Richerd Clerke his brother. To m<sup>r</sup> William Smyth vjs. viij*d*. To Thomas Awdlen vjs. viij*d*. and to every one of hys chylder. To every of [*sic*] gylde of Dodyngton. To our Lady gylde of Westbrughe. To Parnell Thomson. To William Colson. To Robert Harmeston. I gyff the resydue of my godchyldren in Dodyngton to every one of them a schepe. To Elizabeth Kyghlay. To Margaret Colby. To William Newcom. I gyff to all the resydue of my other godchylder every one of them iiij*d*. To sir Robert Walhill parson of Westburgh ; to sir Robert Alcock. To Richerd Kyghley. To Alice Kyghley. To sir Stephyn Howlet vicare of Westburgh ijs. iiij*d*. To William Kepe. The residew of my goodes I gyff to sir Stephyn Howlet, to William Colby, to Stephyn Cooke, whome I make my executors that they may dispose my goodes to the proffyt of my soule as they thynke beste. Thes beyng wytnes, George Colby ; John Thomson ; William Kepe ; John Ellys ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 February, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LECHE [OF FULLETBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 339*d*.]

3 February, 1531-2. I William Leche of Fulletby, husbandman, seke of body, makes thys my last will and testament. My body to



be buried in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Fulletby, with that at the lawe dothe require in the name off my mortuary. To the high altare of Fulletby for tithys forgottyn viij*d*. To the reparacions of the same churche xxs. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high altare of the same iiij*d*. To the churche of Belcheforthe viij*d*. To Isabell Leche my doughter. To sir Robert Leche my sone. To Robert Smert for hys [*folio* 340] wagys for the tyme that he wonte with me. To Alyson Smert my doughter. To my ij godchylder at Richerd Hardys. To Agnes Day. To John Hardy of Fulletby. To Alyson and Isabell my doughters. I will that all my houshold stuff not bequethyd be devydyd in thre partes, and Agnes my doughter to have one parte Isabell my doughter to have the other ij partes equally to be devydyd. To Isabell Brakenborow. To Isabell Leche my doughter my house that I wonne in with the lande and medoys that longes unto it, to occupy the same the terme of iiij yere with Capon garthe and the appurtenance therto belongyng, payng the lordes rent. I will that at the ende of the iiij yere the house, iiij oxen, and ij horse be solde be my executors and dispose it for my soule and my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. I will that my lande callyd Basse lande remayn to Alyson Smerte my doughter the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease it shall remayn to Agnes my doughter her lyff, remainder to Isabell my doughter her lyff, remainder to the eldyest of ther chyl dren. To Thomas my chylde. To William Webster. I will have one preste to sing for my soule and all cristen soulys one yere. To our Lady ffrerys off Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To [*folio* 340*d*.] the frerys of the Gresefote iijs. iiij*d*. To the Gray ffrerys of Boston iijs. iiij*d*. To the Augustyn ffrerys of Boston iijs. iiij*d*. To William Leche the yonger vjs. viij*d*. To Nicholes Leche vjs. viij*d*. To Xp'of er Leche vjs. viij*d*. To Simond Leche iijs. iiij*d*. To Edward Leche iijs. iiij*d*. To Margaret Leche. To Robert Leche. To Robert Hardy. The resydue of my goodes I gyve to Richerd Hardy of Fulletby, sir Robert Leche off Belcheforth my sone, and Isabell Leche my doughter, whome I make my executors for to dispose it for the helthe of my soule and all cristen soulys as they thynke best. In wytnes, sir William Kytchyn the parysh preste of Fulletby; Richerd Shorte of the same; William Smyth of the same; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 12 April, 1532. Administration granted to Richard Hardye the executor, power being reserved to grant to Robert and Isabel Leche the children. On 15 April following the said Isabel appeared personally in the parish church of Parteney, and administration was granted to her.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. SMYTH [OF DRY DODDINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 292*d*.]

4 February, 1531-2. I William Smyth of Dodyngton sett my last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys off Westburgh. To the high altare off Westburgh iiij*d*. To the church of Westburgh iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln. To the church of Dodyngton iiij*d*. To the chapel of Dodyngton viij*d*. To John Pateman of Benyngton my godsun sonne of Richerd Pateman too landes of wheate and too of barly of the landes of Jamys Lettyn. The resydue of my goodes I gyff it to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make executrix to

dispose for the well of my soule as she thynkes best. Thes wytnes, sir Stevyn Howlet vicar; Robert Parysh; and Richerd Jakson; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Ancastre, 8 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN STRYNGER [OF HARMSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 293*d*.]

4 February, 1531-2. I John Strynger of Harmeston makes my testament. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of Harmeston. To the high altare of Harmeston *iiijd*. and to our Lady warkes of Lincoln *iiijd*. To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Savior without Lincoln *iiijd*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Catheryn my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose it for my soule my frend soulys and all crestyn soulys. Wytnes, sir Leonerd Dykson; John Boke; Thomas Lokyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 9 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD BAWTRE [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 147*d*.]

6 February, 1531-2. I Edwarde Bawtre of Boston, merchaunt of the staple at Calice, makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryd within the paryshe church of Boston where my father and mother lyes. To the high altare in Boston for tithes forgottyn *xxd*. To s<sup>t</sup> Botulphe tabernacle *ijs. iiijd*. To our mother church of Lincoln *xijd*. To every order of frerys in Boston for accompanying my body to the church *xxd*. I will that all my dettes be payd. I will that all maner of my moveable goodes be praysyd and solde. And John Buttres chyldren to have ther father bequestes. I will that all the resydue [*folio* 148] of my goodes be devydyd emonges my *iiij* chyldren, that is to wyt, Jane, Mary, Margaret, and William after the maner and forme foloyng, to William my sun *xxl*. at the age of *xxj<sup>ty</sup>* yeres, to Jane my doughter *xx<sup>ty</sup>* markes at the age of *xviij* yeres, to Mary my doughter *xl<sup>ty</sup>* markes at the age of *xviij* yeres, to Margaret my doughter *xxl*. at the age of *xviij* yeres. Yff my goodes will not performe thys my last will my dettes and burying payd, then I will it be deductyd of every parte rate and rate lyke and equally aftyr thys same forme as it is set. To William my sun my house that I bought off Osse, and all my housys in Bargate, my house that Spynkes hath, and all my lande in Freston. To Mary my doughter my house in the tenure off William Etwell. To Jane my doughter my hed house for it is her mother feoffement. To Thomas Sutton hys lande in Byker that I bought of hym, he payng to my executors for it *xl<sup>ty</sup>* markes, for it coste me *xxxl*. as shall appere by hys owne hande. I will that thes *xl<sup>ty</sup>* markes helpe to fulfyll thys my will legaces and bequestes. I will that suche goodes as John Buttre hath in hys howse of myne be praysyd and to let hym have the fattes and all other hustylmentes ther better chepe then any man be *xxs*. yff he wyll, and yff he will not then I will that they be solde to the moste proffyt by the discrecion of myne executors. Yff the sayd John will have the pasture that is the morgage I will that he have all the yeres in parte of payment of hys bequestes for *xl*., and it is worth *xxl*. Yff

the sayd William my sun decease or he cum to the age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres I will that hys lande be devydyd betwene Mary and Margaret aftyr thys forme, I will that Mary have my brew house with all the implementes and all my lande in Freston, and Margaret the house that Spynkes hath and all my housys in Bargate ; and hys legaces of money to be equally [folio 148d.] devydyd betwene Mary and Margaret at the age of xviiij yeres. Iff Jane dy, then I will that William have the hed house, and he to gyff to ether of my daughters that lyffys xxs. a yere towards ther fyndyng. Yff Mary dye then I will that her house in the tenure of Etwell remayn to William, and the money shall be equally devydyd emong them that lyffys. Yff Margaret dye, then I will that her parte of all before rehersyd remayn emonges them that lyffys. Iff they all dy or they cum to the age before rehersyd, then I will that my landes remayn to the heyres off William Quadryng of Irby, and he shall kepe an obbyt for me in Boston churche in s<sup>t</sup> Peter gylde to the value of iiij<sup>l</sup>. yerely ; and yff he fale to do it, then I will that he forfet to the prior of Freston vl. for every yere. I will also yff they all dye before the age aforesayd, that then the legaces of money be disposyd in high ways and other good dedes of charite at the discrecion of myne executors. To Thomas Bradley my best gowne and my best geldyng. To Robert Watson to hys mylne a yong geldyng of iiij yeres olde. To Robert Carnaby my furred gowne that I were every day. To Margaret my servaunte a yonge cowe of ij yeres olde and upwarde. The resydue of all my goodes moveable and unmoveable, my dettes payd and my will fulfyllid, I put them in the disposicion of my executors, whome I make William Quadryng of Irby gentylman, and Bryan Newcommen of Salfetby gentylman. And supervisor of thys my will I make Thomas Mayhew ; and I gyff to every one of them xls. for ther labor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Cersy preste ; Xp<sup>o</sup>ofer Newcommen gentylman ; Robert Cony ; and Thomas Paxforde ; with other mo ; the day and yere before wryttn.

Proved at Boston, 9 April, 1532. Administration, with the will annexed, granted to William Quadryng of Irby, gentleman, and Bryan Newcommen of Salfetby, gentleman, because the executors named in the testament refused to take upon themselves the burden of execution.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS VYNSAYNT [OF BELCHFORD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 363.]

6 February, 1531-2. I Thomas Vynsaynt off Belcheforthe makes my testament and my last will. My body to be buryed in the churche of the holy appostellys Peter and Paule. To the holy sacrament of the altare vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. To by a vestimente withall iiij marke. To the gyltyng of the tabernacle of our Lady off Piety iiij marke. To the makyng of the cawsy from the churche stole unto the oke tre vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. To the makyng of a cawsy from the parsonse close ende unto the yate in the lane with the brokyn stone in holle becke vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln xxd. To her warkes xxd. To sir John Gray ijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Margaret Forman of Tathwell vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. To my buryall in the churche vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>. To the churche warkes ijs. To an honeste preste ij yeres xl. To Barnerd Fletcher sonne of John Fletcher xxxiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To John Fletcher the yonger xxxiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Simon Fletcher sonne of John



Fletcher xxxiij. iiij*d.* To Thomas Fletcher sonne of the sayd John Fletcher xxxiij. iiij*d.* To the sayd iiij chylde every of them x schepe. To my wyff the copy of the house that I do dwell in and the oxegang lande that longes to the sayd house the terme of her lyffe, and all the hole housholde stuff the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her departyng I will that Agnes my doughter and her chylde have the one halff of the housholde stuff and that Robert Louthe and Henry Cheuelay my wyff chylde have the other halffe to shyft be twene them too. To Robert Louthe and hys wyff. To Henry Cheuelay. To every chylde that Robert Louthe hathe. To my godsun ther. To Jenet my syster. To Agnes her doughter. To every [*folio 363d.*] chylde that John Barkeworthe hayth and ther mother. To Margery my servant a pare of schetes, [etc.], suche as her dame is content to delyver her. To a light afore the sacrament vjs. viij*d.* To a light afore the rode vjs. viij*d.* To Robert Brakenbery wyff. To every of my godchylde iiij*d.* To the iiij orders off frerys every place iiij*d.* To every churche that doyth but upon thys felde mere viij*d.* To John Leche of that money that he dose awe to me vjs. viij*d.*, and to hys wyff xiijs. iiij*d.* To Elizabeth Dennys. To Thomas my servant. To Agnes my doughter. To John Tyndale. To Hugh Melton. To John Fletcher. To my nawnte Agnes Tayllor. I will that John Fletcher helpe my wyff home thys yere with her corne and hay. Also I will that the sayd John helpe her yerly with hys cariage of ij lode woode from any place wher soever she dose by it. To Thomas son of John Fletcher my house at Haghham with all the purtenynges therto, to hym and to hys hayres of hys body laufully begottyn for evermore, excepte onely that the sayd Thomas and hys hayres shall gyff yerly to one obyt to be done evermore in the churche of Belcheforth for the soule of Thomas Vyncent and hys benefactors x*d.* To John Fletcher son of John Fletcher my yeres of the copy callyd Holffoote thyng, excepte onely that the sayd John shall gyff yerly to the foresayd obyt x*d.* duryng the yeres of the copy. To Simon Fletcher the copy off thys house that I do dwell in aftyr the decesse of Elizabeth my wyff. To Barnarde Fletcher son of John Fletcher the yerys of the oxanges lande that I have of the hall landes. To William Leche yff he be preste xs. to syng a trentall for the soulys of my father and my mother and all my good frendes soulys. To John Clerke halffe a stone woolle that he dose owe to me. To John Clerke the yonger a schepe that I dyd by of hys father. To my god-doughter at Thomas Ingolmelles halffe one stone off woolle that I bought of John Clerke the elder. To the [*folio 364*] baxter wyff of Hornecastle. I will that therbe peny dole the day of my buryall. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John Fletcher, whome I make my executor to dispose them for the helthe of my soule and all my good benefactors. Whytnes herupon, sir John Gray; m<sup>r</sup> William Talbot; John Haryson. I will that John Berworthe the yonger be the oversear, and he shall have for hys labor iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 3 June, 1532, by the executor.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LEEKE [OF SIBSEY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 59*d.*]

II February, 1531-2. I John Leeke off Sybsay, husbandman, makyth thys my testament and herein conclude my laste will. My body

to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret of Sybsay. To the holly sacrament of the high altare for tithys forgottyn vj<sup>d</sup>. To the reparacion of the high altare iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the olde rod iiij<sup>d</sup>. To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret iiij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Pety iiij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady of Lincoln viij<sup>d</sup>. I will that Agnes Leeke my wyff have my house with thappurtenaunces in the towne and felde of Sybsay duryng the terme of her naturall lyff, with thys condicion that she kepe reparacions without impechment or [*sic*] waste. And aftyr her decesse, I will that Robert Leeke my sonne have the house with thappurtenances that she dwellyth in, to hym and to the heyres of hys body; and yff it fortune Robert to dy without heyres of hys body, then I will the house remayn to William Leeke my sonne and the heyres of hys body, and so every one of them to be other heyr. To William my sonne iij acres lande lying in Southfenlandes, iij rod and one di<sup>r</sup> acre lying in Northorp, and acre lying in Southwestfelde. To Agnes Leeke my wyff one cople of oxsyn, iiij kye and one dun mare. To William my sonne one cople sterys, [etc.], with thys condicion that he help hys mother ther withall. To John my god sun a fleckyd qwyte. To Robert Leeke my sonne a whyte geldyng and a amblyng stag. To Alynson my daughter. To Robert Boner a byrlyng. To Jenet my daughter a qwe calff. To William my sonne j whyte stag. I will that iij quarters barly, ij quarters ootes, and iij yong beestes be solde and the money therof cumyng I will have a trentall xxx<sup>ty</sup> messes to be done for the soule off me, my father and mother, and all my benefactors. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Agnes Leeke my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose to the high laude and prase of God and the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Copland curate and parysh preste; Henry West; Richard Bavyn; William Daynson; Robert Cooke; Thomas Bate; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 2 October, 1532.

# THE TESTAMENT OF T. HAYWARD [CHANTRY PRIEST OF ALFORD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 271d.]

12 February, 1532.<sup>1</sup> I sir Thomas Heywarde, chauntry preste, of Alford makes thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryd within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Wylfryde of Alforde. To the high altare in the same church iiij<sup>d</sup>. To kyng Henry light in the same church iiij<sup>d</sup>. To All Soule light in the same church iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the church warke of Alforde xij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady warke of Lincoln ijs. I will that m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Sotheby shall bye one sufficient chalys to the altare of s<sup>t</sup> Laurence in the parysh church of Alforde with the money which he owyth to me by the oversyght of the preste that shall cum next aftyr me in the sayd chauntry, or ellys yff he will not bye suche a chalys as is aforesayd, I will that all the sayd money that be owyth me go to the warke of our Lady of Lincoln. To every preste dwellyng in the parysh of Alforde at the day of my buryeng vj<sup>d</sup>., and the vicare viij<sup>d</sup>. And I desyre them to say placebo and dirige. I will that my seventh day and my thyrty day be kepte in lyke maner. The resydue of my goodes I will that sir William Steper of Alford preste dispose them as he thynkes

<sup>1</sup> The date should probably be 1531-2.

best for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, whome I make my executor, and William Lamme of Alford to be supervisor, and to the sayd William Lamme for hys labor xij*d*. Thes wytnesses, sir John Dauye of Alford prest ; John Keall and John Mason of the same.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ROISHE [OF ALGARKIRK].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 64.]

13 February, 1531-2. I Robert Roisshe of Algarkyrke, husbondman, doo make my testamente w<sup>t</sup> my last wyll. My body to be buried in the churche garthe of the holy appostylles Peter and Paule of Algarchurche, and for my mortuary accordyng to the acte of parlyment of ower souerene lord kyng Henry the viii. To the blessyd sacrament for my forgotten tythes iiij*d*., and to euery lyzhte comctabull in the sayd churche ij*d*. To Wylliam Roische my son. To Roische my son [*sic*]. To Thomas Roische my son. To Anne my dozhter. To Annes Roische my dozhter my eldyste fen cowe fleckyd of coler. The resedewe of my goodes I gyffe to Margaret my wyffe, the wheche I have made onely my executrix, and she shall cause my body onestely to be buried, payng my dettes, and soo to despose for 3e helthe of my sawle as shall seme beste to plesse God, and to be good mother and frynd bothe to hyr chylder and myne lyke as I have ordende hyr so to be. Thes beyng wytnenes, Robert Clerke ; John Swan ; Jamys Dugdalle pryst ; with other at neyd.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 October, 1532.

TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYETSON [OF CROFT].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 18.]

15 February, 1531-2. I John Wyattson the elder in Croft makes my testament. My body to be buried within the chyrche yard off Alhalowys in Croft. To our Lady off Lincoln xij*d*. To hyer warke vj*d*. To the hy auter off Croft chyrche for tythes forgottun xij*d*. To the belles viij*d*. To the reparacyons off the same chyrche viij*d*. To Symond my sone on standyng bard in the halle, [etc.]. To Agnes my dawghter vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. in money and an harnest gyrdill with on pare off bedes off hambre after the decesse off Jenyt my wyffe. Yff so be that other off my ij chyldryn depart this world within lafull age that on to be the ayre off the other, and yf ytt so be that thei bothe depart this world within lafull age, then I wyll that the on part theroff to be dysposyd in fyndyng on prest for my sowle and all crystyn sowles and the other part to Jenyt my wyff. To Elsabeht my dowghter xls. and on quey. To Symond my sone my wayn my plow with all the tyrtementes. To on honest prest xs. for on trentalle synging. The resedew of all my guddes I gyve them vnto Jenet my wyffe, whome I make my executor and she to dyspose them for the helthe off my sowle and all crystyn sowles. To Wylliam Stevynson the elder iijs. iiij*d*. to be supervisor. Theys wyttnes, sir Thomas Rysyll my curayt ; Wyll'm Stevynson ; Robert Alan ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 2 October, 1532.



## THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY BOLAN [OF GRIMOLDBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 275*d*.]

18 February, 1531-2. I Henry Bolan off Grymolby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Edithe in Grymolby. To the high altare in Grymolby kyrke viij*d*. To Grymolby kyrke iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady frerys of Lincoln xij*d*. To the frerys at the Gresse fote xij*d*. To the Augustyn frerys off Grymesby xij*d*. To the Gray frerys of Grymesby xij*d*. To Manby kyrke viij*d*. Stuton kyrke vj*d*. Kyrnyngton kyrke vj*d*. Hougham kyrke xij*d*. Belcheforth kyrke xij*d*. To Alane, Roger, and Robert my sonnes. To my doughter Agnes. To my doughter Alyson Frauncys and to her ij doughters. To my [*folio* 276] doughter Beatrix. To my doughter Jenet and to her iiij chylder. To William Frauncys and Marion Bolande other of them v*s*. viij*d*. at ther way gate. The resydue of my goodes not wyt I gyff and wyt to Agnes my wyff whom I make my executrix that she may dispose them for the wele of my soule that it may the better spede in the presence of Almyghtty God. Thes wytnes, sir Richard Makefelde; William Smyth; and Robert Wylarton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON BOLTON [OF SPALDYNG].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 337.]

19 February, 1531-2. I Simon Bolton of Spaldyng makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the parysch church yerde of our Lady and s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes in Spaldyng. To the high altare of Spaldyng for tithys forgottyn xvj*d*. To the church warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the church warke of Spaldyng iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the devocion of the Holy Goste iiij*d*. To the church warke of Cowbyt xx*d*. To the church warke of Weston xij*d*. To Richerd Austyn of Multon and to hys wyff. To Nicholes Elstone. To Robert Bolton a gret panne, [etc.], and Richerd Bolton to have the kepyng of it withowt weryng to he be at lawfull age. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Richerd my sonne, whome I orden my executor, and Thomas Bolton to be supervisor, and he to have for hys labor iij*s*. iiij*d*. Wytnes herof sir Robert Gee; Walter Rysdale; William Kytton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. THORNELY [OF HOUGH ON THE HILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 371.]

19 February, 1531-2. I William Thorneley of the parysh of Hough make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Rumolde before the ymage of our Lady of Piety. To the highe altare in the church aforesayd xij*d*. I bequeth *vl.* to a preste to syng for me and my father and mother a yere. To the Observantes in Newarke x*s*. To our Lady warke in Lincoln xij*d*. To the frerys in Grantham a bushyll malte. To the chapell of s<sup>t</sup> Rumolde xii*s*. iiij*d*. To the churches of Cathorpe, Normanton, Hougham, and Carleton xij*d*. apiece. To the abbay of Monte Grace x*s*. To Johan Hough my goddoughter. To the resydue of my godchylder iche of them a schepe. To iiij chylder of

Richerd Richerdson iche of them a schepe. To ij chylder of John Manysford ether of them a schepe. To too chylder of Thomas Burdheyddes. To Parnell Walkewood. To William Walkewood. To John Manysforde. To iche of my servantes. To the mending of the high way betwyxt thys towne and Clapole xij*d*. To John Browne iiij*d*. To George Thomson. To sir Henry Trafford vicar of Hough, to pray for me, vs. To m<sup>r</sup> Augustyn Porter xxs. desyryng hym to be good and foveroble to my wyff in the way of right, and to gyff her hys best counsell. I gyff the resydue of my goodes unto Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose my goodes to the welthe of my soule and off my father and mother and all crystyn soullys as my most speciall trust is in her and as she shall thynke most necessary. Wytnes herof, m<sup>r</sup> Augustyn Porter; sir Henry Trafford; Margaret Thornelay; sir Richard Reddemale prest.

Proved before P., at Ancastre, 29 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET TOFTE [OF SOUTH FERRIBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 277*d*.]

20 February, 1531-2. I Margaret Tofte of Southferyby makes my testament. My body to be buried within the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholes of Southferyby. To the parsons fee of Southferyby for all tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the prior fee lykewyse iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xx*d*. To our lady of Lincoln in offeryng xx*d*. To the churche warke of Southferyby halff a quarter of barly. To the brygge warke of the sayd towne halff a quarter of barly. To Northferyby abbay halff a quarter of barly. I will that William Tofte my sonne shall gyff unto sir Roger Crosse xxs. for to syng for the soullys of William Tofte and Margret hys wyff and all crysten soullys. I will that the sayd William Tofte shall fynde a lampe lyghttyd before the roode in Southferyby churche at all diuine seruys duryng the lyff of the sayd William. To Vrsulay Grymysby my daughter. To William Tofte son of Richerd Tofte. To John Tofte my best syluer spone, and a prynte of sylver. Vnto Edward, Roger, and Thomas Tofte, the sonnys of Thomas Tofte. To Margaret Tofte, Agnes Tofte, Alyson Tofte, daughters of the sayd Thomas Tofte. To Robert Grymesby, William Grymesby and John Grymesby sonnys off William Grymesby. To Agnes Grymesby hys daughter. To Thomas Gawdbe my servant. To Robert Coke my servant. The resydue of my goodes not wyt I gyff vnto William Tofte my sonne, whome I make my executores [*sic*]. Thes men beryng wytnes, sir Roger Crosse my curate; Robert Sutton and John Gawdbe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 19 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PYNSON [OF FULLETBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 372.]

23 February, 1531-2. I John Pynson of Fulletby husbandman makes thys my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche-yrde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy in Fulletby, and my mortuary aftr the custome of the lawe will inquire. To the high altare of Fulletby for begottyn tithys xij*d*. To the church body of the same towne viij*d*. To the high altare of Lincoln viij*d*. To the church body of Salmonby viij*d*. To Elizabeth

my wyff all my coppys which is one callyd Genyll lande, one toftested, arabyll lande, and medoy longyng unto the sayd toftested, and one callyd Jolyff toftested with all the lande and medoy longyng unto the sayd parcellys duryng my yeres, payng the lordes rent. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix and she to dispose them as she thynkes best for my soule and all crysten soulys. Wytnes herof, sir William Kytchyn preste; William Smyth; Robert Lowthe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 13 May, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD HEBERSTOU [OF GAYTON LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 273d.]

26 February, 1532.<sup>1</sup> I Richard Heberstou of Gatton, husbandman, maykes and ordans this my last wille and testament. To be berred in the churche yarde of sant Peter in Gatton, with that thyng that the lawe requires to the parson. I wytt unto vur moder churche of Lincoln to the hethe alter vjd., and to ver Lady worke of the same vjd. To the iiij orderes off freres in the cade cety iiijd. To Gaton churche xxd. To Calystroppe churche xld. To the hethe alter of Gaton churche iiijd. Item v youe schepe to the sepulcor of Gaton chyrche to fynde one lyghtt before the sade sepulcur frome the begynnnyng unto the resurrexcion be doyn, and the resydu [to] the leyght to be brent before the Sacrament in tymes conuenyente to yt be spent, the wyche I leue in the hondes of the churche wardyns; Hewe Heberstowe my broder to have the sade zowys and fynde the lyght as long as he wyll fynd sufficient surtes to the forsade churchewardens, or ony of the name of the forsaid Heberstowys beyng there a bowytt that wyll have yt by that maner; and yf ther be noyne of the name of Heberstoys lyuyng ther abutt that may and wyll have yt that thane bothe the stoke and lyght to be att request of the forsade churchewardens for evermore. I wyll that ther be one trentall off messysse celebrate for my sole helthe. I wytt unto Robert Buttrys one fyly. I wyll that my [goods] be partyd in [iiij] partes, one to my selfe, anoder to my wyfe, and the therde to my chelder and to be ordared att the request of Ellezeb3 my wyffe, John my sone, and Robertt my sone, whome I make executures to dyspose as tha thynke the best for the helthe of my sowle. I wyll that John Talbott and Hewe Heberstowe be supervysurs, and to have for ther labour one quarter of barly. Wyttnesses, sir Robert Benson, parson of Gaytton; John Talbott of the same; Robert There of the same; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. CHENY [OF QUADRING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 338d.]

6 March, 1531-2. I Thomas Cheny off Quadryng makyth my last testament. My body to be buried in Quadryng churche before s<sup>t</sup> Michel. To the high altare xijd. To the reparacion of the sayd altare vjd. To our Lady altare viijd. To s<sup>t</sup> John altare viijd. For my buryall within the churche vjs. viijd. To the reparacions of the church ijs. iiijd. To s<sup>t</sup> Margaret light ij. To s<sup>t</sup> Catheryne light ij. To s<sup>t</sup> Michell light ij.

<sup>1</sup> The date should probably be 1531-2.



To s<sup>t</sup> John light *ijd.* To the Plough light *ijd.* To the rode light *iiijd.* To our Lady light *iiijd.* To our Lady light of Piety *ijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> Erasme light *ijd.* To William Cheney. To Richerd Cheney. To Jenet Adam. To Margaret Gonthorpe. To Ame [*sic*] my wyff. To Edward Cheney. To John Adam. To Richerd Cooke. All the resydue of my goodes I gyff to Anne my wyff, and aftyr [*folio* 339] her dethe they shall remainy to Edward Cheney. To John Bollys aftyr the dethe of hys mother di' an acre of lande that was Reedes. To Anne my wyff all my landes fre and bonde duryng her lyff, and aftyr her lyff they shall remainy to Edward Cheney my sonne. And yff he dy without issue of hys body, then I will the lande shall go to the towne off Quadryng and so the sayd land to be orderyd be the feoffys and townschip of Quadryng to fynde a prest to pray for my soule and all my benefactors soulys and all crysten soulys the space of *iiij* skore yeres and *xix* or so long as the kynges lawys will suffer. And at the yeres ende it to be renewyd againe, and so to continew. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Anne my wyff, who I make my executrix. I make m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Tempest supervisor. Wytnes, John Bolles; Robert Londe vicar off Qwadryng; John Domyseny; William Chell; William Browne; John Warde the yonger; and John Etgose the yonger.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BRON [OF BURGH IN THE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 58.]

8 March, 1531-2. I John Bron of Burgh in the Marche make my will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Burgh. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn *xijd.* To the churche warke *xijd.* To our Lady gylde *iiijd.* To the Trinite gylde *iiijd.* To Robert Brown my sonne *vjs. viijd.* To Thomas Browne my sonne my shop and all that longys to it. To Xp'ofer Horsby my godsun *iiijd.*, [etc.]. To William Horsby. To every one of my godchylder *iiijd.* To Marion Bring. To every one of her chylder. To Elizabeth my wyff all my housholde stuff, excepte that Thomas my sonne have a bed lyke as Robert hys brother had. To my wyff her harber in the house that I wonne in for the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her dethe I gyff the sayd house to Thomas my sonne; and yff he sell it, then I will that he gyff to Robert my sone *xxs.*, and Agnes my daughter *xxs.*, and a trentall to be donne in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Burgh off the sayd money. I will that halffe a trentall be done for my soule shortly aftyr my dethe. To Agnes my daughter. I make Robert Browne and Thomas Browne my sonnys my executors, and Thomas Horsby to be supervisor. Wytnes, sir John Pechell; Robert Rotter; with other mo. Yff my wyff fortune to mary or to go to eny other off her frendes, then I will that Thomas my sonne gyff to her yerly *iijs. iiijd.*

Proved before P., at Parteney, 2 October, 1532.

[THE TESTAMENT OF EDMUND BURTE OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 242d.]

8 March, 1531-2. I Edmunde Burte of Boston, seke in body, makes thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed at the Whyte

frerys in Boston within the chapell of our Lady. To the high altare in the parysh church of Boston xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the orphans of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withowt the barres of Lincoln xij*d*. To the gylde of the vij Martyrs within the church of Boston iiij*d*. To Helene my wyff my house that I dwell in the terme of her lyff naturall, and aftyr her decease I will it remayn to Edwarde my sonne duryng hys lyff, and aftyr hys [*folio* 243] decease it shall be solde and the money therof receyvyd I will it be disposyd in dedes of charite for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. To my sayd wyff in Glassyng lane [*sic*] for terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease I will it remayn to Edward my sonne for terme of hys lyff, and aftyr hys decease I will it remayn to the prior and convent of the whyte frerys aforesayd yff the law will suffer it, and the shall kepe yerly on obbyt by note for my soule, my wyffes soule, and all crysten soulys. And yff the law will not suffer them to have it, then I will it be solde, and the sayd prior and convent to receyve the money commyng of the same and they shall pray and do as is aforesayd. I will therebe a trentall songe for my soule my good frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. To the sayd Wyte frerys to the reparacion of ther church vjs. viij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Helene my wyff and Edward my sonne, whome I make my executors. And the goodes for to be in the custody of my sayd wyff dewryng her lyff, and she to bryng up Edwarde my sone. And yff it fortune the sayd Helene to mary, then I will the sayd goodes be equally devydyd betwyxt my wyff and my sonne before she marry. I will that William Pynchbek be supervisor, and he shall have for hys laber a dooblet of souten and vjs. viij*d*. of money. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Otuell Cowper ; Richerd Geffray ; and Richerd Tonnerde ; with other mo. The day and yere afore wryttyn.

Proved before P., at Boston, 24 May, 1531, by the executors.

#### THE TESTAMENT OF W. GAUNCE [OF THEDDLETHORPE ST HELEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 272.]

12 March, 1531-2. I William Gaunce of Thedilthorp makyth this my last will and testament. My body to be beryed within the church of s<sup>t</sup> Helene of Thedylthorp in the southe ile as nere to the dore of our Lady qwere as my grave may be mayd, and in the name off my mortuary to be siche as the lawe requiryth in that behalff. And I will that the church masters have to the church use vjs. viij*d*. for my buryall in the church. To our Lady warke of our mother church of Lincoln x*d*. To the high altare in my parysh church xij*d*. To All Halloy church in the same towne x*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys church at Louthe xij*d*., and to s<sup>t</sup> John chapell in the market place v*d*. To Claxby church next Normanby xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Thomas of Canturbery iiij*d*. To the making of the stepill of my parysh church xls. To John Gaunce my sonne a sylver pece and a sylver goblet, xij sylver sponys and a lyttyll harnest gyrdyll, a cawdryn that was hys mothers, [etc.]. To the same John certen inglysh bokes as *Legenda Aurea*, *Crownacles*, *Canturbery Talys*, and *Lyttlylton Teners*. To the same John a chyst of waynscotte that standyth in the high parler, a bed with all the apparill that longith to hit, [etc.], also xl. to be payd be the handes of my executors. I will

that all parcellys foloyng do remayn styll to Barnerde my sonne in my house as harelomys as long as they will indure, that is to say, the cownter in the hall, the high lofte bed in the parler, and the whele bed with owt any apparell of clothys, and the spere in the hall, and the lauer with the lauer stone in the hall, and a gret stone mortar, a pare of malte qwarnys in the kytchyn, and the gret led in the brew house, s<sup>t</sup> John hed of alabaster, a grette brasse potte, and a mazer that was my fathers. To the same Barnerd all suche tymber as lyith in my dykes, and as for all my bordes that ar sawne and lyith in the new house my wyff shall have the one halff and Barnarde Gaunce the other halff. I will that my executors hyer a preste immediatly aftyr my decesse to syng for my soule and all crysten soulys by the space of halff a yere. To Barnerd my sonne to hym and hys heyres for ever more v stonge lande which that I bought of sir Richerde Sampson in Norcostes [*sic*] prist, and iiij acre lande in Bekke garthes which I bought of John Rvddyll, for the which I will and charge hym one my blyssyng that he and hys heyres for [*folio 272d.*] evermore cause the curet of s<sup>t</sup> Helene church for tyme beyng or ellys sum other habyll preste for to say messe of requiem placebo and dirige evermore yerly of s<sup>t</sup> Frauncys day, or ellys on the morne aftyr, in my parysh church for all crysten soulys, and he for to gyff yerly at the same tyme xiiij*d.* to xiiij pore men in almes, and it shall be done as prively as it can without any ryngyng of bellys or oder solempnite. And I will that the preste that dothe the messe and dirige shall have for his labor yerely vjd. I will that the sayd Barnerde and hys heyres yerly fynde a candyll to burn afore s<sup>t</sup> Anne in the church of s<sup>t</sup> Helene on holidays for the forsayd lande for evermore to indure. To Barnerd my sonne a lytttyll cownter in the high parler, for ther is all hys evydence. To John my sonne all suche landes lying in Thedylthorp as I have takyn off William Baldryke by indenture, to have and to holde to him and hys assyngnes duryng all suche yeres as apperyth in the same indenturs. I will that Elizabeth my wyff have and peassably inioye all her feoffemente duryng her naturall lyff, and aftyr her decesse then I will that it remayn holy to John Gaunce my sonne, to have and to holde to hym hys heyres and hys assyngnes for evermore. I will that my feoffers which ar infeoffyd in all my landes and tenementes in Thedylthorpe that they suffer my executors to receyve all the rentes of all the sayd landes and tenementes from the day of my dethe unto the feste of s<sup>t</sup> Michel the Archaungell next foloyng, and from thens forward for the space of one hole yere, for the trew performaunce of thys my last will. I will that my wyff and Barnerd Gaunce have all my copyholde of my lady Willughby grounde duryng all the yeres as apperyth in my copy. I will that Barnerd Gaunce and John Gaunce have all my harneys, bowys, and arroys. To Elizabeth my doughter vj sylver sponys and a sylver salte. To every one of my god chylder unmarried. The resydew of all my goodes I gyff them to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and John Gaunce the oder executor to se thys my last will trewly executyd for the well of my soule, and over thys I make m<sup>r</sup> John Awngewyne esquier supervisor, and he to have for hys labor vjs. viij*d.* Hiis testibus, sir Edmund Weste curate; sir William Whyte chapland; Thomas Kyrkman preste at Mabilthorp; Robert Sche<sup>r</sup>wode; Robert Skeytyll.

Proved before P., at Alford, 16 April, 1532.



## THE TESTAMENT OF JENYT WRYGHT [OF NORTON DISNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 376.]

14 March, 1531-2. I Jenet Wryght of Norton make thys my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Norton. To the high altare in the sayd churche viij*d*. To the warke of our mother churche of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the churche of Norton to by a albe vs. To the Trinite gylde in the sayd churche xij*d*. To the churche warke of Northe Chyllyngham vs. To the church warke of Stoke vs. To William my sonne. To Catheryne Coke. To the wyffe of John my sonne. To the wyff off Thomas my sonne. To Margaret Coke. To my godoughter at Colyngham. To the vicare of the sayd Collyngham viij*d*. To Johanne my daughter. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to John my sone and Edwarde Coke, whome I make my executors to dispose for my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes beyng whytnesses, sir Edward Tomlynson; Richard Coke; Robert Ruston; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 10 May, 1532. Administration granted to Edward Coke, power being reserved to grant to John the son.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ALAN WAYSE [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 51*d*.]

15 March, 1531-2. I Alan Wayse of Sutterton makyth my testament concluding therin my last will. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of our Lady of Sutterton. I bequeth for my mortuary that the lawe requiryth. To our mother church of Lincoln v*d*. To the orphanys of saynt Catheryns iiij*d*. To the high altare of Sutterton for tithys forgottyn v*d*. To every altare in the forsayd churche i*d*. To the church warke of Sutterton ijs. To John Snell. To Robert Carover. To Richerde Wolmere gentylman one gray balde amblyng mare, [etc.]. To Margaret my daughter. To Johanne my wyff my hed messe that I dwell in with viij acres of lande lying under it be it more or lesse with thappurtenances to gyff and sell under that condicion that she performe all suche covenantes and dewtys as ar betwene me the forsayd Alan Wase and Richerd Wolmer gentilman. To Elizabeth, Margaret, and Agnes my thre doughtters x acres lande lying in the Northfelde of Wygtofte equally to be devydyd emonges them by the oversyght of Richerde Wolmare gentylman, and they to be content every one of them with ther partes at the syght of the forsayd Richerd Wolmare gentylman, or ellys yff they or eny of them will not be content then hyr parte of the forsayd x acres lande to remayn to Johanne my wyff. To Robert Wase my brother di. acre lande lying in Collande felde, under thys condicion that he gyff the paryshners of Sutterton drynke yerly in the Crosse weke at Fyshmeer crosse. To Elizabeth Lussely my goddaughter. To Alen Tonnerde. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them to Johanne my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Richerd Wolmare gentylman to be supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, Roger Maye; Robert Wayse; Edmund Howson; John Sheperde; John Walgate; and John Nevell.

[No probate act.]

TESTAMENT OF RICHARD [*sic*] ARCHER [OF COCKERINGTON ST LEONARD].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 277.]

16 March, 1531-2. I William [*sic*] Archer of Cokryngton Leonerd, husbandman, ordens and makes thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryed w<sup>t</sup> in the holy moldes in the churche yarde of Cokryngton Leonarde. To the high altare of the same churche for tithys and tentes forgottyn xij*d.*, and to the reparacion of our mother churche of Lincoln viij*d.* To the reparacion off Grymolby churche xij*d.* and to the reparacions of the churche of Southsomercoates viij*d.* To William Archer my sone one wayn and a plough, [etc.], and xls. in money. To iche one of my other chylder xls. in money, and to John Tuley xxvjs. viij*d.* To ich one of my daughters fyve sheder lammys, and to John my sone v lammys. To euery chylde of John Archer my brother one lamme, and to euery one off my godchyl dren iiiij*d.* To William my sone aboue hys bequest aforenamyd ij sterys. The resydue of all my goodes not gyffyn I gyff to Margaret my wyff, John Archer my brother, and Richard Garner, whome I constitute my executors to pay my dettes, performe thys my last will, and ferther to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they shall thynke most expedyent. And I will that the sayd John Archer and Richard Garner haue for ther labors ether of theym xiijs. iiiij*d.* Wytnes herof, sir William Howton vicar off Cokryngton aforesayd; Roger Howton; John Howton; and John Gateside; of the same w<sup>t</sup> other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT NOCTON [OF KIRKBY ON BAIN].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 300.]

19 March, 1531-2. I Robert Nocton of Kyrkby Bayn ordens and makes thys my testament and last will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of Kyrkby. To the high alter ther for tithys forgottyn vj*d.*, and to the kyrke warke of the same vjs. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vj*d.* I will that v messys be sayd at *Scala celi* at Boston for my soule. To John my sonne my shop as it standes. To Agnes my daughter. To Johanne my daughter. Yff John decease or he cum to lawfull age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres, then I will hys parte remainn holy to Robert my yongest sonne; and yff Robert or ether of my daughters decease within the sayd age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres or the day of ther mariage, I will ther parte or partes remainn to hym or them that longest lyffys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for the helthe of my soule, [etc.], with the counsell of Richerde Sawer, whome I make supervisour. Thes beyng wytnes, sir William Lancastre parysh prest; Jhon Brugh; Richerde Williamson; Xp'ofor Thomlynson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 8 May, 1531, by the executrix.

TESTAMENT OF JOHN ATWYK [OF HORBLING].  
[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 367*d.*]

20 March, 1531-2. I John Atwyk of Horblyng makyth my last will and testament. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy

in Horblyng. I gyff to my mortuary as the custome that now is doth require. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *iiij* *l.* To the fatherlesse chylder of s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns *ij* *l.* To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Androy within Horblyng church for tithys forgottyn *viiij* *l.* To Alice my doughter and to Isabell my doughter *iiij* *l.* *vjs. viii* *l.* to be devydyd eqwally betwyxt them besyde ther partes. To Robert my sone *xls.* besyde hys parte. To Alice my wyff all my goodes within the house and the parler besyde her parte. Also all my moveables and corne and malte, neyt horsse and schepe, with all the resydew of my goodes not bequethyd, I gyff the one halff to my fyve chylder to be devydyd equally emong them, and I gyff the other halff to Alice my wyff, whome I do make my trusty executrix for to be good to my chylder and for to dispose parte for my soule and all crysten [*folio* 368] soulys as she thynkes best. Also I will that Henry Atwyk my father be the supervisor of thys my last will and to se it performyd as my trust is in hym, and he to be good to my wyff and my chylder. In wytnes heroff, sir Richerde Baynton; William Somerby; Robert Sygrave; Robert Palmer; with moy.

Proved at Sempyngham, 22 October, 1531, by the executrix.

ROBERT ERRAT [OF LAUGHTON NEAR GAINSBOROUGH].

[Stow, 1531-56, *p.* 337.]

1531. I Roberte Erratt, seeke in bodye and hole in mynd, makes my will. My bodye to be buried in the church yerd of All Sayntes in Laughton. To the hye alter of Laughton *vj* *l.* To our Ladye of Lincoln *vj* *l.* I will that Alison my wyfe haue the third parte of my goodes. To Annas and Alyse my daughters [each] a fillye. To Thomas Tawell daughter a yowe and a lambe. The residewe of my goodes I geue to Thomas and Roberte my sonnes, and I make them executors to dispose for the health of my sowle. Thes men beinge wittnes, sir Roberte Tayller curate; Thomas Wells; etc.

Proved at Gaynsbrowgh, 20 March, 1531-2.

THE TESTAMENT OF LEONARD FAWKNER [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 55*d.*]

22 March, 1531-2. I Leonerd Fawkner makyth my will. My body to be buried within the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Michell tharchangell of Conesby. To the high altare of the same Conesby *viiij* *l.*, and to the lighttes and bellys of the same *xij* *l.* To John Fawkner my sonne *iiij* stonges of medoy, and to Leonerd Fawkner my son *iiij* stonges of medoy. I will yff the sayd John Fawkner or Leonerd Fawkner dy withowt issue that the sayd *vj* stonges of medo to remayn to the nexte of my chyldren, and so for defawte of heyres of one the sayd *vj* stonges to remayn to a nother nexte unto hym. To Thomas Fawkner, John, Leonerd, Richerd, and Agnes Fawkner my chyldren. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes Fawkner my wyff, which I make my executrix. I have desyryd to testify thys my will, Richerd Henryson; William Frankysh; and Edward Borton.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 1 October, 1532.



## THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BROWNE [OF BICKER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 337*d*.]

1531. I Thomas Browne of Byker orden and make my testament and last will. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Swythine in Byker. To my mortuary as the statute doth admit. To the high altare ther for tithys forgottyn iiij*d*. To our Lady altare ther iiij*d*. To the church warke ther and the bellys. To the reparacion of our mother churche of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the faderles chyldren at s<sup>t</sup> Catheryns withowt Lincoln gates ij*d*.

Thys is my last will the day and yere aforesayd. To Maryon my wyff all my landes pasturys, [etc.], in the towne and felde of Donynton unto my doughter cum to the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres. Provydyd that yff my sayd wyff be with a sonne I will he have the sayd landes, [etc.], at the full age of xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeres, and yff my wyff benot with a sonne I will they remayn to my doughter[s] in shyfte, and every one of them when she cumyth to the age of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeres to enter to her parte to have and holde to her her heyres and assygnes. To every one of my doughters ij bellyd candylstykes, [etc.], also ij kye to be delyveryd to them at the day of ther mariage in full and for contentacion and dischargyng thys my last will and the last will of John Garard my father in lawe. I will and charge my sayd wyff to pay or cause to be payd iij Good Frydays next foloyng emong pore people every Good Fryday iijs. iiij*d*. in fulfylling my payment for Beman house which I gyff to the sayd Marion my wyff the terme of her lyffe naturall, and aftyr to remayn to my chyldren in forme aforesayd as to my nexte heyre. Provydyd that yff any of my doughters dy under the age of xx yeres and not maryed I will they be honestly brought forthe of ther owne goodes and the remaner over to be devydyd emong them that lyff. I make Marion my wyff sole executrix, to whome I gyff all my other goodes to pay my dettes performe thys my last will and dispose for my soule and all crysten [*folio* 338] soulys as she thynkes best and pleasynge to God, [etc.], and make m<sup>r</sup> John Littylybery of Hagworthyngham supervisor, to whome I gyff xx*d*. Thes wytnesses, sir Robert Johnson ; sir William Walker ; Thomas Rodwyk ; with other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF W. KEMPE [OF WAINFLEET ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 268*d*.]

1531. I William Kympe makes my testament. My body to be buried in the church yerde of All Halloys in Waynflet. To the sacrament [*folio* 269] in the churche of All Halloys for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To the anornyng of the high altare viij*d*. To the ij law altares ich of them iiij*d*. To the bellys xx*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d*. I will ther be gyffyn for me at the day of my buryall in money xiijs. iiij*d*. besydes met and drynke. To Sybell Westerdall. The resydue of my goodes I gyff unto George my sone at the day off buryall and my dettes dischargyd. And yff it fortune that the forsayd George dye within the yeres of discredion, then I will that the goodes that remayn for to be disposyd for the well of my soule at the disposicion of my brother John Kympe and Thomas Kygges, whome I make my executors, and the forsayd John and Thomas to have for ther labor xx*d*. each. Wytnes, sir Edward

Larke ; Thomas Kygges ; Robert Pynder ; John Kympe ; with certen other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 15 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD NORMAN [OF NORTH RAUCEBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 74.]

1531. I Richerd Norman of the towne of Northrawceby, seke in body, make my testament. I bequeth my soule to God Almyghetty and to our Lady s<sup>t</sup> Mary and to all the fare felloschyp in heven, and my body to be buryed in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Northrawceby. To the high altare for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To my curat xs. to pray for my soule. To the mother church of Lincoln xij*d*. To the v order of frerys in Lincoln and Grantham to every order ijs. to syng a trentall for me. To Tymberland church xx*d*. To Martyn chapell xx*d*. To Kyrkby Grene churche xx*d*. To Scawby churche xij*d*. To my mother a qwe with calffe and a yow and a lambe. To Alice Norman a yow and a lambe. To Richerd Norman a you and a lambe. To Agnes Norman a you and a lambe. To other of my brether a wayn and to ether of them a plugh. To John Norman a yow and a lambe. To every house in thys paryshe that hathe no plough iiij*d*. I will that my wyff have my take of my ferme yff she delyver a deed of feoffement to Thomas Norman within a yer aftyr my decesse, or ellys Thomas Norman to enter to my ferme. To Richerd Huc. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff and William my brother, who I make my executors that they may dispose for the helthe of my soule that God better may be pleassyd, with Simon Cooke to be supervisor, and he to have ijs. iiij*d*. for hys labor. Thes wytnes, sir William Styrlay vicar ; Simon Cooke ; Thomas Palfreman ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Bloxham, 11 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN RABDYK [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 247.]

1531. I John Rabdyke of Tofte do make my testament and last wyll. My body to be buryed in the chyrche yarde of saynt Gutlake in Tofte. To the holy sacrement xij*d*. To ower Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Margaret my wyffe my howse that I dwelle in with ij acres pasture grownde with appurtyances there to belongyng for the terme of hyr lyffe, and after hur decesse I wyll hytt remayne to Geffrey my son and harry [*sic*] of my body ; and yff hyt fortune the sayd Geffrey my son to decesse or he cum to lawfull age, then I wyll they remayne to Margere and Dorethe Rabdyke my ij dozhters to them and there assyngnes for evermore. The resedew of my goodes I gyffe them to Margery and Dorethe my ij dozhters whome I make my executryx [*sic*]. Theys beyng wyttynys, Robert Wyffen ; William Dawson ; sir John Danyell curatt of the churche of saynt Guthlake of Tofte aforesayd.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

TESTAMENT OF JOHN RAYNS [OF DONINGTON ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, f. 13*d*.]

1531. I John Rayns of Donyngton super Bayn makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of

s<sup>t</sup> Andrewe of Donyngton with my mortuary aftyr the forme of law. To the alter for forgottyn tithys xxd. To sir William Smyth my curate to pray for my soule and all my good frendes soulys vs. To the church of Donyngton vjs. viij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Andro iijs. iiij*d*. To our mother church of Lincoln xij*d*. To our Lady warke xij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys every order xij*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Julian church off Benyngworthe iijs. iiij*d*. To the altare xiiij*d*. To All Hallo church xxd. To Sowthe Wyllyngham church vjs. viij*d*. To Panton church iiij*d*. To Estbarkeworthe church iiij*d*. To Sotbe church xxd. To Ranby church xij*d*. To Styrton, Staynton, Golceby, Stanygot, Wythcall, Gaton, and Byscothorp churches iiij*d*. apiece. To Agnes Wynter my doughter iiij*l*., and to syx of her chyl dren every one of them xxs. And yff any of them dy before the age of maryage it shall remayn to the other of them survyving. To Thomas Hello and Mary my doughter. To Emote my doughter and ij of her chyl dren. To Emote Mumby my cosyn and iiij of her chyl dren. To Alexander Michylson my cosyn and Jenet hys wyff and ij of hys chyl dren. To Jenet Wysto. To Margarete Page and iiij of her chyl dren. To John Marshe. To Margaret [*folio* 14] Vere. I will that all my housholde stuff shall be devydyd etwyxte my iij doughters. I bequethe halffe a yere servys to a honest preste to syng for my soule and all my good frendes soulys. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Alexander Michelson and Robert Mumby, whome I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. In wytnes heroff, sir William Smythe; sir Thomas Habar; Thomas Dawlyng; John Warde; Richerde Yarbur; John Marshe; Thomas Nobyll; with many other mo.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 17 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WARDE [OF TATTERSHALL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 375.]

25 March, 1532. I John Warde, lovyd be God, seke in body, makes thys my last will aswell of my landes as off my goodes. My body to be buryed in the church of Tateshale. I will that my feoffes that now stande and be seasyd of my landes and tenementes in Thorpe in the parysh of Tateshale to thuse of me the sayd John Warde to the performance of my last will, shall immediatly aftyr my deceasse stande and be seassyd of and in the premisses to thuse of Thomas Sele and hys heyres and assygned for ever, uppon condicion that the sayd Thomas Sele pay unto m<sup>r</sup> George Fytzwilliam esquier *vl.* that he may dispose the same in fyndyng one preste to syng for my soule my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys at Thorpe. To Thomas Clare of Kyme that maryed my kynswoman my furryd gowne, my tawny jaket, my ledder dooblet, a buff ledder jerkyn, [etc.]. To my cosyn hys wyff iiij angell3 of gold. To William Warde one of the beste of my vj beastes whyche be in the kepyng of Thomas Atkykson and William Warde the yonger. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to the sayd Thomas Sele, whome I make my executor to dispose my goodes in dedes of almys and charyte as lykyth him best, [etc.]. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Bolandes; William Erle; Laurence Grysby; many other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 June, 1532, by the executor.



## THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD CHELE [OF QUADRING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 337.]

28 March, 1532. I Richerd Chele makes my last testament. To be buryed in the churchyerde of s<sup>t</sup> Margaret virgyn and martir of Quadryng. To the high altare *iiijd.* To our Lady light *ijd.* To s<sup>t</sup> John gylde *ijd.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln *ijd.* To Agnes my wyff. To my sonne William Chele. To Agnes my daughter. All the resydue of my goodes I gyff to my wyff Agnes and William Chele, whome I make my executors. Whytnes therof, Robert Lounde vicar ; Richerd Warde ; John Lounde ; and John Gyll.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES HERTLY [OF FOSDYKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 333d.]

3 April, 1532. I Jamys Hertly of Fossedyke make orden and constitute my testament and last will. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of All Halloys, with that that the lawe will to be my mortuary. To the high altare ther for tithes forgotten *iiijd.* To the Sepulcre light ther *ijd.* To the Plough light ther *ijd.* I will that a candell of a li. of wax be founde be my executors to burne afore our Lady of Piete in the church of Fossedyke sex yerys next aftyr my departyng. To Agnes my wyff *ij* mylch kyne, viz. a rede rogeled and a blak, with a burlyng red dowed. I wyll that my house that I bought of John Londe be solde be the counsell of Nicholes Puluertofte, and the halffe of the money receyvvd therof to be yeven to Agnes my wyff, the other halff I will that it be by the mynde of the same Nicholes bestowyd and wayred in catall and the proffet therof yerely cumyng to go to the use of my chyldren Thomas and Margaret to the cum to lafull age, equally to be devydyd betwyxt them by the same Nicholes. To Margaret my daughter the best matters and coverlet that was her mothers, a brasse pot with a lypout, [etc.]. To Thomas my sonne. To William my sonne a brasse pot that was his whyte moders, [etc.]. To Nicholes Puluertofte my moll hall. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff unto William my sonne, whome I make my executor. Thes wytnes, Nicholes Puluertofte to be supervisor and for hys labor *iij*s. *iiijd.* ; John Stykney ; and Thomas Barret ; with sir Thomas Pytfelde preste curate of the same towne.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532.

## [LINCOLN DIOCESAN REGISTRY, INVENTORIES, 1508-50, No. 14.]

Inuentarium omnium et singulorum bonorum Jacobi Hartley nuper defuncti factum tercio die Aprilis Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo secundo appreciatorum per Thomam Trece Rogerum Welby Johannem Stickney et Petrum Ascoby de eadem viros fide dignos prout sequitur :

## In the Hall

Furst a hanginge	<i>viiijd.</i>	Item xiiij platteres and	
Item iiij tables	<i>xvj d.</i>	dishes	vs.
Item ij formes ij paire of		Item iiij salsers	<i>xij d.</i>
tristells	<i>viiij d.</i>	Item a powder pott	<i>iiij d.</i>
Item a chaire and ij stoles	<i>vj d.</i>	Item v salsers	<i>xij d.</i>
Item a choppinge stocke	<i>ij d.</i>	Item vj candelstikes	<i>ijs.</i>
Item a standinge cupbord	<i>xij d.</i>	Item v bacon flitches	vs.
Item iiij bras pottes	<i>iiij s.</i>	Item ij quoshinges	<i>iiij d.</i>
Item iiij pannes	<i>xxd.</i>	Item iiij table clothes	<i>ijs.</i>

## In the Perloure

Item a bed and all thinges perteynyng to it	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .	Item vj pillowes	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item a matteres	ijs.	Item ij broken coffers	xij <i>d</i> .
Item iij couerledes	iiijs.	Item an old chest	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item x yeardes blanket	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .	Item a table and ij tristelles	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item all his apparell	xxxijs.	Item a bed that he died in	iijs.
Item iij paire of lynon shetes	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .		
	Summa partis iiij <i>l</i> . xiijs.		

## In the Chambere

Furst a bed as it standeth	iijs.	Item a paire of cleves and iij horse lockes	viij <i>d</i> .
Item a paire of bed stockes	viij <i>d</i> .	Item ix hespes of yarne	vjs.
Item whete	xvjd.		
Item a sawe	iiij <i>d</i> .		

## In the Mylkehouse

Item ix powder dishes and platters	iiijs.	Item xij mylke pannes and vij pipnes	xij <i>d</i> .
Item ij salsters and a saltseller	vjd.		

## In the Kytchyne

Item ij bras pottes	ijs.	Item iiij tubbes ij bottles a barell and ij cheise fattes	xxd.
Item ij pannes and a . . .	xxd.	Item xx treyne dishes	vjd.
Item a deske for dishes	xij <i>d</i> .		

## In the Yearde

Item pailles and oder wood	vjs.	Item a plouegh and all thinges to yt	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item a carte and all thinges to yt	xs.		

## In Qwycke Catall

Item an old horse	xs.	Item iij swyne	iiijs.
Item vj kyne and a burlinge	iiij <i>l</i> . xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .		

## In the Feilde

Item iij stonge wheate	vjs.	Item iij stonge beanes	iiijs.
	Summa partis	viij <i>l</i> . vjs. iiij <i>d</i> .	
	Summa totalis	xij <i>l</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .	

## Dettes that he oweth

Furst to maister Wolmer for ij mayres and rent	.. .. .	xlijs.
Item to maister Trece	.. .. .	viijs. xd.
Item to Beile baley	.. .. .	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to John Londe	.. .. .	vs.
Item to William Armonde	.. .. .	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to sir Stephen Haithnes	.. .. .	xviiij <i>d</i> .
Item to maister Wolmer for willowes	.. .. .	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to maister Wolmer for rent at Mich' was a twelmonneth	.. .. .	xls.
		viij <i>l</i> . xiijs.
Remanet	.. .. .	vj <i>l</i> . vijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

## THE TESTAMENT OF JENYT MAWTBY [OF LANGTON BY WRAGBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 288.]

6 April, 1532. I Jenet Mawteby of Langton besyde Wragby makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church of st Gyls off Langton, and in the name of my mortuary as the lawe dothe require. To my curat to pray for me xs. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*.

To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Gylys of Langton viij*d*. A trentall of messys to be done for me xs. To m<sup>r</sup> Sawtemarche and to his wyff. To William Kyddall. To my iiij doughtters. To Jenet Wadyslay my doughtter. To William Wadyslay iij chyl dren. To Alice Darwyn. To John Darwyn iij chyl dren. To Margaret Hawyll. To Richerd Hawyll my sonne doughter. To William Hawyll fyve chyl dren. To Charlys Hawyll my sonne and to hys wyff and hys doughter. To William Hawyll wyff. To John Wadyslay iij chyl dren. To William West ij chyl dren. To Alice Ware. To Richer my sone wyffe. To William Hawyll of the nether towne. To Robert Coket. To the iij orders of frerys to iche of the orders xij*d*. To every one of my godchyl dren iiij*d*. To the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Gylys of Langton iijs. iiij*d*. of my proper goodes, and iijs. iiij*d*. of my dettes that owyng me. The resydue of my goodes I will that William Hawyll and Richard Hawyll my sones dispose for the helthe of my soule, and they to have for ther labors ether of them xs. Wytnes, sir Xp'ofor Walker; Thomas Dykynson; William Hawyll; William Denys; Robert Smyth; William Warde; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 26 April, 1532, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LEKE [OF SWALLOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 351.]

13 April, 1532. I John Leke of the parysh of Swalloy makes my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Savior in Swallo. To our Lady warke of Lincoln ij*d*., and to our Lady iiij*d*. To the high altare at Swallo for tithys forgottyn iijs. iiij*d*. To the churche ther xij*d*. To Herby churche iiij*d*. To the churche of Coke-wolde iiij*d*. To Walter and Richerd my sonnys, and to my iiij doughters. To Edmund my sonne and to ilke one of my chylder. The resydue of my goodes I will that Jenet my wyff dispose for the helthe of my soule, whome I make my executrix. Whytnes, sir Walter Curteys; Richerd Hill; William Peche; Walter Sketyll; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Croxby, 10 June, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ROWME [OF CONISHOLME].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 351*d*.]

16 April, 1532. I John Rowme of Conysholme makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in Conysholme. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the holy sacrament in Conysholme churche iiij*d*. To our Lady in the same churche iiij*d*. To my sonne John and to my doughter Malde. To my doughter Jenet. To my sonne Thomas. To my doughter Catheryne. To my doughter Margaret. I bequeth to one trentall for me and my brother Rawffe to be done at Conysholme xs. To my gostly father xij*d*. To my wyff Margaret my house and all my lande unto my eldest sone John be at lafull yeres of age. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth them to my wyff Margaret, whome I make my executrix. Thes men beyng whyttnes, sir John Smyth; John Coke; Laurence Rowme.

Proved before P., at Saltefletby, 13 June, 1532, by the executors.



## THE TESTAMENT OF W. WYNCHYP [OF GOXHILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 289*d*.]

22 April, 1532. I William Wynchyp make my last will and testament. My body to be buried in the churche yerde of Goxill. To the high altare *xijd*. To the churche of Gouxill *iiijd*. To our mother churche of Lincoln for reparacions *xijd*. To Edmund my sonne. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Whytnes heroff, John Paradice prest; Robert Wynchyp; Cristofer Cok; Hugh Bell with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 July, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT TAYLLOR [OF WORLETBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 342.]

In Dei nomine Amen xxviii<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis the yere of our Lorde God m<sup>i</sup> fyve hundreth<sup>i</sup> I Robert Tayllor off Worletby beyng hole of mynde and remembraunce makes my last will and testament in thys maner foloyng. Fyrst I wyt my soule to God Allmyghty and to our Lady s<sup>t</sup> Mary and to all the gloriose saintes in heven and my body to be buried in the southe porche of the kyrke of Worletby. I wyt to the kyrke of Worletby *iij*s. *iiijd*. I wyt to our Lady of Lincoln *vjd*. I wyt to the high altare in Worletby kyrk *xijd*. The resydue of my goodes I wyt to Agnes my wyff, whome I make executor, with the oversyght of Richerde Stotterd and Thomas Phylipson the yonger. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Halton vicar there; Edward Grene; William Phylipson; et alijs.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 21 May, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM BAKER [OF SALTFLEETBY ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 357.]

10 May, 1532. I William Baker of the parysh of All Halloys of Salfletby makyth my last will and testament. My body to be buried within the churche of All Halloys, and also my mortuary to be payd aftyr the rate and substance of my goodes. To the high altare of our mothe [*sic*] churche of Lincoln *iij*s. *iiijd*. To our Lady warke of the sayd churche *iij*s. *iiijd*. To the high altare of the forsayd churche of All Halloys for tithys and oblacions forgottyn *vjs*. *viijd*., and towardes the reparacions [*folio 357d*.] of the sayd churche *xls*. To the reparacions of the paryshe churche of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Louthe *xiijs*. *iiijd*. To the paryshe churche of Northelkyngton *xxs*. To the paryshe churches of Mabythorp s<sup>t</sup> Mary, s<sup>t</sup> John of Stayn, and Ludburgh, [each] *vjs*. *viijd*., and towarde the honornament of the parysh churche of Lytttyll Grymesby one crosse clothe the price *vjs*. *viijd*. And I will that one honest preste shalbe hyeryd to syng and celebrate messe and other divyne service satisfactorie within the aforesayd parysh churche of All Halloys for the helth of my soule, my benefactors, and good frendes soullys, and all crysten soullys by the space of x yeres nexte immediatly foloyng aftyr my departyng from thys present worlde, and the sayd preste to have to hys wagys yerely duryng the sayd x yeres *cvjs*. *viijd*. to be payd to hym

<sup>1</sup> The rest of the date has been omitted, for the year 1500 is an impossible date, since Robert Halton was not instituted to the vicarage till 29 March, 1509. He was still vicar in 1532. 1532 is a probable date for the will.

quarterly. To the iiij orders of frerys beyng within thys limitacion to every one of them vjs. viiij*d*. To Alice my wyff in redy money xx*l*. and halff the householde stuff that was myne and hyrs. To Mary the doughter of m<sup>r</sup> John Raythby and Margarete my doughter lx*l*. and the other halff of my housholde stuff. To the forsayd Margaret Raythby my doughter the housholde stuff wich was Beatrix Baker my mother. To masterys Fitzwilliam the wyff of m<sup>r</sup> George Fytzwilliam my m<sup>r</sup> xls. To m<sup>r</sup> Jeffray Raythby gentleman xls. and to hys wyff xxs., and to every one of ther chyldren vjs. viiij*d*. To the forsayd Margaret Raythby my doughter in money xxs. To Isabell Baker the wyff of John Baker xxs. To Margaret Whyte the wyff of John Whyte the yonger of Thedylthorp vjs. viiij*d*. To Robert Baker hys wyff and hys chyldren emonges them xxs. To Alyson Smeton vjs. viiij*d*. To Margaret Johnson iijs. iiij*d*. To Margaret Bowyd iijs. iiij*d*. To Walter Bolyngbroke xls. To Bryan Baker xls. To Xp<sup>o</sup>fer Baker xls. To every one of my awnte Jenet Curtes chyldren viiij*d*. To every one of my uncle Thomas Peper chyldren vjs. viiij*d*. To John Chyste lxvjs. viiij*d*. To every [*folio* 358] one of hys brether and systers vjs. viiij*d*. To every one of my godchyldren xij*d*. To Beatrix Poterill iijs. iiij*d*. To Nicholes Ray and hys wyff xiijs. iiij*d*. To Richerd Edmundson vjs. viiij*d*. To Robert Scorthereh my servant vjs. viiij*d*. I will that my mansion or dwellyng house with the appurtenances in Louthe, wich I of late bought of William Lincoln merchande, be solde be my executors towards the performance of thys my last will and testament. To Alice my wyff my mansion or dwellyng place with all other my landes within the towne and parysh of Salfletby duryng her lyff naturall, and aftyr her decesse to remayn to Margaret my doughter the wyff of m<sup>r</sup> John Raythby and to the heyres of her body, and for defawte of suche issue to remayn to John Baker and to the heyres of hys body, and for lake of suche issue to remayn to the right heyres off me for ever. To my doughter aforesayd all suche leyse3 as I have takyn to ferme by indenture copy or other wyes in Brakenborow, Salfletby, Mabilthorp, and elsewhere within the countie off Lincoln, excepte ij acres yng grounde lying in Yng Crofte in Saltfletby, and also excepte suche parcellys of grounde belongyng to any of the sayd leyse3 as lyeth within the close which I before have gyven unto my wyff for terme of her lyff, whiche ij acres and parcells I will my sayd wyff shall have and enioy duryng the terme of the yeres whych I have taken them for, and aftyr her decesse I will they shall remayn unto my sayd doughter her heyres and assyngnes, accordyng to the tenor and effecte of thys my will touchyng the leyse3 and ferme3 aforesayd. I will that m<sup>r</sup> George Fytzwilliam of Mablethorp esquier be the supervisor, and he to have for hys labors one horse of my best, ij yeres olde, or ellys in redy money xls. The resydue of my goodes [*folio* 358*d*.] I gyff to m<sup>r</sup> John Raythby my sonne in law, John Baker of Saltfletby and John Whyte yonger of Thedylthorpe s<sup>t</sup> Helene, whome I make my executors they to expende it as they shall thinke it moste expedyent for the helthe of my soule and to the ples' of allmyghtty God, and they to have for ther labors every one of them ii*l*. Thes beyng wytnes, syr George Gummbys preste ; Thomas Fyswyke the elder, Martyn Gunny, Martyn Browne, and Thomas Browne of Saltfletby ; with many moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 June, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT YOLLE [OF BULLINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 341.]

12 May, 1532. I Robert Yowle of the paryshe of Bullyngton, yoman, and servant to sir George Taylboys, do orden and make my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys in Bollyngton, for the which buryall and romyth I do gyff to the churche iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the high altare of the forsayd churche of s<sup>t</sup> Jamys for tithys negligently forgottyn xij<sup>d</sup>. To my lady dame Elizabeth Taylboys vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To m<sup>r</sup> William Taylboys sonne unto the forsayd Elizabeth vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To masterys Vernon iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To mastres Dymok iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To every servant in my master house singularly iiij<sup>d</sup>. I will that a prest syng a trentall off messys for the helthe of my soule, and he to have xs. therfore. I will that ther shall be gyffyn to prestes for Dirige and ministracion of messys at my buryall and in other almys dedes vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>., at my vij<sup>th</sup> day iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>., and at my twelvemonth day iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. To my syster Julyan Jakson iij brode yerdes off marbyll clothe. To Edwarde Jakson sone to the forsayd Julyan. To Anne Jakson daughter to the forsayd Julyan. To Jane Hall of Langton ij kye whiche be in the custody of Robert Yarker at Aplay. To William Hall brother unto the sayd Jane a brandyd cowe which is in the custody off olde Hvme at Aplay. To John Jakson of Howton in Bekeryng a mare which is in the custody of Robert Yarker off Aplay. To Thomas Browne xij<sup>d</sup>. To John Hollyngworthe ij sterys, a red geldyng and a clene red. To Xp<sup>o</sup>for Brumby preste xij<sup>d</sup>. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to William Hall and Jane Hall, the which William and Jane I make my executors for to dispose accordyng to conscience and as they shall thynke most conuenyent for the helthe of my soule, and John Hollyngworthe to be supervisor. Thes beyng whytnes, Xp<sup>o</sup>for Brumby, preste; Thomas Browne; John Hollyngworthe; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 15 May, 1532.

## THE TESTAMENT OF DAVID EDWARD' [OF HORNCASTLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 357.]

20 May, 1532. I Daud Edward of Horncastre makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of our blessyd Lady off Hornecastre. To the high altare of Horncastre iiij<sup>d</sup>. To the churche warkes of the same vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. I will that my detts be payd. I will that my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, one parte to my ij chyldren, the other ij partes to my wyff, and she to dispose for my soule as she thynkes best. I will that yff it shall please God to take other of my chylder from this present worlde at any tyme or that they cum to lauffull age, that other of them shall be other heyr. I will that if Johanne my wyff mary at any tyme afore my chyldren, that is to say Barnabe my sonne and Beatrix my doughter cum to laufull age, then I will that she shall fynde sufficient suerty that ther partes shall be delyueryd unto them by the sight of my frendys; and yff she wilnot fynde sufficient suerty by the discrecion of Oliuer Luffell and other my frendys, then I will that ther partes be delyveryd owt at the discrecion of master Browne parson of Marom and Oliuer Burkyنشawe of Myntyng, to be putte in



save custody to the sayd childer behoyff to they cum to lafull age. The residue of all my goodes I gyffe unto Johanne my wyff, whome I make my executrix for to dispose it for the helthe of my soule. In wytnes, Olyuer Luffell ; John Goodwyn ; and Gylberde Wyberde ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Scamelesby, 14 June, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF WALTER SOOLY [OF NORTH RAUCEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 342.]

22 May, 1532. I Walter Sooly, seke in body, make my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche of s<sup>t</sup> Peter in North Rawceby. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To my curates to pray for me vjs. viij*d*. To the churche of Rawceby xx*d*. To s<sup>t</sup> Jamys chapell xij*d*. To Henry Burton. To Agnes my doughter, and to iij of ther [*sic*] childer. To Simon Welby. To Laurence my sonne my copy that I holde of s<sup>t</sup> John. I bequeth my house with the appurtenances that longes therto to Agnes my wyff, and she to stande with reparacions. To every one of my godchilder iiij*d*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff and Laurence my sone, whome I orden my executors that they may dispose for the helthe of my soule y<sup>t</sup> God better may be pleasyd. Thes wytnes, sir William Styrlay vicare ; sir Edward Thomas ; Thomas Shoter ; Thomas Bate ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 29 May, 1532. Administration granted to Laurence the son, power being reserved to grant to Agnes the relict.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WATSON [OF OWERSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 351.]

24 May, 1532. I William Watson of Owresby, seke in body, makes my last will and testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Martyn in Owresby. I wyt to the high altare of Owresby for oblacions and tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the altare in Holton churche iiij*d*. I wyt to s<sup>t</sup> John off Wyngall iiij*d*. I witt to the high altare of Thorneton iiij*d*. To the churche warke of Owresby iijs. iiij*d*. To Adam my sonne. To John Hardy. To Jenet Hardy. I wit to Helene my doughtter. To Cecill my wyff one house in Owresby with all the landes belonging to it duryng her lyff yff she mary not, and yff she mary then Adam my sonne to have it. I will that my goodes be devydyd in iij partes, one to my wyff, another to my chylde, and the thyrde parte to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule aftyr the discrestion of Cecill my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Nicholes Hughytson vicar ; Robert Broxham ; William Wellys ; and John Magnell ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Croxby, 10 June, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JANE BRODLAY [OF BONBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, f. 375*d*.]

7 June, 1532. I Jane Brodlay of Bonby makes my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of s<sup>t</sup> Androy of Bonby. To the high altare of s<sup>t</sup> Andro of Bonby for tentes forgottyn xvij*d*. I wytt

to our Lady of the northe hyle iiij*d*. I wyt to the high altare of our mother church of Lincoln vj*d*., and to the warke of the same church vj*d*. I wytt to the church warke of s<sup>t</sup> Andro of Bonby a quarter barly. The resydue of all my goodes I will that they be devydyd among my iiij chyl dren in equall partes, that is to say to Robert, Jamys, Johan, and Margaret, by the syght of indifferent persons, so that one have no more then another. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to the disposicion of Robert my sonne, whome I make my executor, and that he dispose for the well of my soule by the syght of William Brodlay my sone my supervisor. Wytnes heroff, sir John Hygdon vicar ther; Robert Hornsy senior; Robert Williamson; with many mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 July, 1532.

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ANNE METHELAY [OF OVER BURNHAM].

[STOW, 1531-56, *p.* 345.]

30 November, 1521<sup>1</sup>. I Ann Methelaye of Ouerburnum in the parishe of Haxaye, wydowe, hoale of mynd and perfyte memorye, make my testament and will. My bodye to be buried before the crose in the church yeard of s<sup>t</sup> Nicholas of Haxaye nighe vnto sepulture of John Methelaye late my husband. I bequeith in the name of my mortuarye my beaste according to the custome of the cuntrye. To Joanne Methelaye my daughter all my apparell and rament belonginge to my bodye. To our Ladyes workes of Lincoln' iiij*d*. To the highe alter for tythes forgotten iiij*d*. The residewe of all my goodes above not bequest my debtes considered and paid I geue and bequest to Nicholas Methelaye, William Methelay, Roberte, and Jefferey my sonnes, whome I ordeyne executors and [*page* 346] that they dispose the said godes amoungest them, and that euerye one of them when they shall come to the state of mariaige haue their porcions of the said goodes to dispose for their most profytt; and John Methelaye my eldist sonne I constitute superuisor. Thes wittnesses, sir Roberte Hewett, parishe prest: William Sandford; Roberte Hessyll; and others.

Proved before L., at Owston, 16 June, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD HYN [OF DONINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 72]

1529. I Edward Hyn of Donyngton make my last will and testament. My body to be buried within the church yerde of Donyngton. To the high altare ther for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To every other smal altare viij*d*. To every gylde iiij*d*. To every light in the same churche ij*d*. To the church warke of the same and to the reparacion of the bellys iij*s* iiij*d*. To the church warke of our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the fatherles chyl der of st Catheryns ij*d*. To one ornament to the churche of Donyngton xls. To Catheryne my syster to her mariaige xls. To Jenet my syster ij qwytes. To Jenet her daughter yff she lyfi to the age

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<sup>1</sup> The date has been altered from 1531.

of xvj yeres xiijs. iiij*d*. The resydue of all my goodes I gyff to Robert Hyn my father, and I will that he be my executor, and he to pay my legacy and bring me furthe as he thynkes best, by the oversight of sir John Pollyn chauntry prest of Donyngton, and he to have for hys labor iijs. iiij*d*. Thes men beryng wytnes, Roger Aucoke, Nicholes Kerbe, of Donyngton; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 October, 1532.





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